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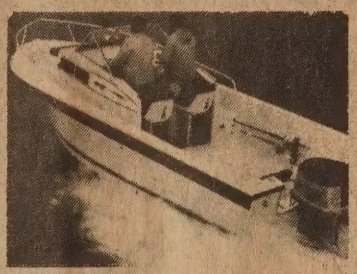

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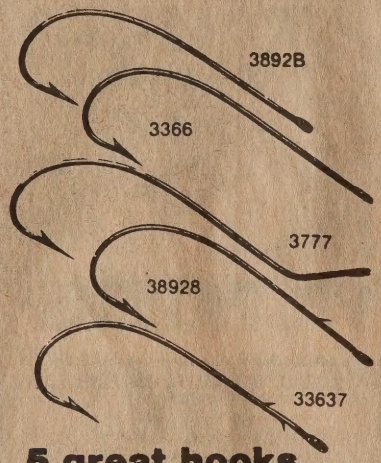

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The following is a copy of a letter sent to Governor Carey protesting the "fish trap" erected at North Bar, Montauk Pt.

I have been closely following the events relating to the fish trap and was just as outraged as you were by the irresponsible actions of officials at the Long Island State Park Commission.

I believe your readers should be reminded to send letters of protest not just to the L.I.S.P.C. who have turned a deaf ear to our objections in this matter, but to the Governor and other elected officials. In this battle we must pull out all the stops and I, for one, both as an attorney and an avid surf fisherman, am ready to join forces in achieving our mutual objective of preserving the scenic beauty and recreational character of Montauk Point. *B.L. Schwartz, Merrick, N.Y.*

Dear Governor Carey: I recently read an editorial in The Long Island Fisherman regarding the erection of a "fish trap" at Montauk Point's North Bar, an area known for its popularity with local surfcasters. I have enclosed the editorial because the actions of the officials described therein show, to my mind, a callous disregard for the interests of sportfishermen, and warrant an investigation by the appropriate authorities.

The editorial describes how members of the staff of The Long Island Fisherman voiced their objections on numerous occasions to John Sheridan, Long Island State Park Commission General Manager, and others about a commercial "fish trap" which had been erected without a permit in the area of North Bar at Montauk Point. Despite repeated assurances that the trap was illegal and did not belong in an area that had been developed for recreational purposes, these same officials retroactively granted a permit for the trap without soliciting input from sportfishermen or assessing the environmental impact of such a trap.

I believe that the actions of the Long Island State Park Commission (L.I.S.P.C.) are highly irresponsible and that a public hearing is absolutely essential to clear the air and give sportfishermen an opportunity to present their viewpoints.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in voicing my objections to the L.I.S.P.C. and expressing my outrage at its irresponsible and callous disregard of my rights as a sportfisherman to pursue recreational interests without interference from commercial fishermen. If such actions on the part of the L.I.S.P.C. are allowed to continue unchecked, no area of Long Island will be safe from encroachment by commercial fishermen bent on cleaning out what remains of local game fish.

Your active involvement in this matter will be applauded by the great majority of Long Islanders who seek to preserve the scenic beauty and recreational character of Montauk Point. Barry L. Schwartz.

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N.Y. SPORTFISHING COUNCIL

The New York Sportfishing Council takes this opportunity to publicly thank Huntington Supervisor Kenneth Butterfield and Dr. Jeffrey Wenig, Director of the Huntington Environmental Protection Agency for standing behind Long Island's sport fishermen in their opposition to the Army's dumping of toxic dredge in the Sound. The Council also wishes to thank Congressman Jerome Ambro for consistently opposing such dumping and forcefully presenting his opposition at the recently held public hearings, along with State Senator James Lack.

Although the dumping did not take place within Huntington waters, Dr. Wenig joined with the Council from the beginning, rendering guidance, scientific support and continuous updates on the status of the legal steps taken by Supervisor Butterfield in his attempt to stop the dumping.

Although their efforts, and ours, proved futile, it is refreshing to know that some legislators value the preservation of Long Island's environment more than the pollution of our waters for expediency's sake. And it is these legislators to whom we will have to turn when it comes time to fight the bridge builders, fish trappers and others who would destroy a way of life for a quick buck.

The New York Sportfishing Council's only regret, aside from the dumping of the dredge, continues to be the failure of the rank and file sportfishermen to expend even minimal effort in opposing the dumping, either at the well-publicized Army-sponsored hearings or in writing. Perhaps if more sport fishermen had shown as much persistence as our local legislators on ths, and other issues, the waters of the Sound would today be purer and more bountiful.

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Marine Fisheries Service, has been approved by the Office of Personnel Management, Terry L. Leitzell, NOAA's Assistant Administrator for Fisheries has announced.

The Regional Office, located in Gloucester, MA, is responsible for carrying out certain Federal fisheries activities in 19 Northeast, Middle Atlantic and Great Lakes States.

In announcing the approval, Mr. Leitzell said Peterson was highly qualified, well received by the constituency, and has done an outstanding job in his former capacities as Director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and Chairman of the New England Fishery Management Council. "His experience in legislative matters, liaison with industry, and a good general background in marine fisheries will enhance our activities in the Northeast Region," said Leitzell.

In his new position, Peterson succeeds William Gordon who was appointed Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Management in the Service's headquarters in Washington, DC.

Peterson, a native of Worcester, MA, is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, where he received his B.S. in Wildlife Management in 1962, and his M.S. in Wildlife & Fisheries Biology in 1964. He joined the Mass. Department of Fisheries, Wildlife & Recreational Vehicles in 1964 as an Assistant Fish & Game Biologist, holding progressively responsible positions in the Department.

He is married to the former Joan Fischer, Huntington, NY. Pending relocation to the Gloucester area, they are living in Sandwich, MA, with their two children.

FOREIGN FISHING RESTRICTION BETWEEN 100 AND 200 FATHOM BOTTOM CONTOURS RESCINDED

Terry L. Leitzell, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has announced that foreign fishing vessels will be permitted to fish between the 100-200 fathom bottom contours in authorized areas off the Northeast Coast beginning August 10, 1979.

The two-year-old ban is being lifted to reduce overcrowded and dangerous navigation conditions on the fishing grounds and to permit foreign vessels to fish within the foreign fishing areas where no fixed domestic gear is used, Leitzell said.

The ban was implemented to protect the fishing gear of U.S. fishermen that had not been reported to the Coast Guard and that was not, as a result, included in their broadcast of gear locations. Recent amendments to the foreign fishing regulations have modified the buffer zone around reported fixed gear locations and will provide adequate protection to domestic fixed gear without the 100-200 fathom prohibition.

Mr. Leitzell stressed that "It is essential that our fishermen report the location of their fixed gear to the Coast Guard so that it will be included in the broadcast to foreign fishing vessels.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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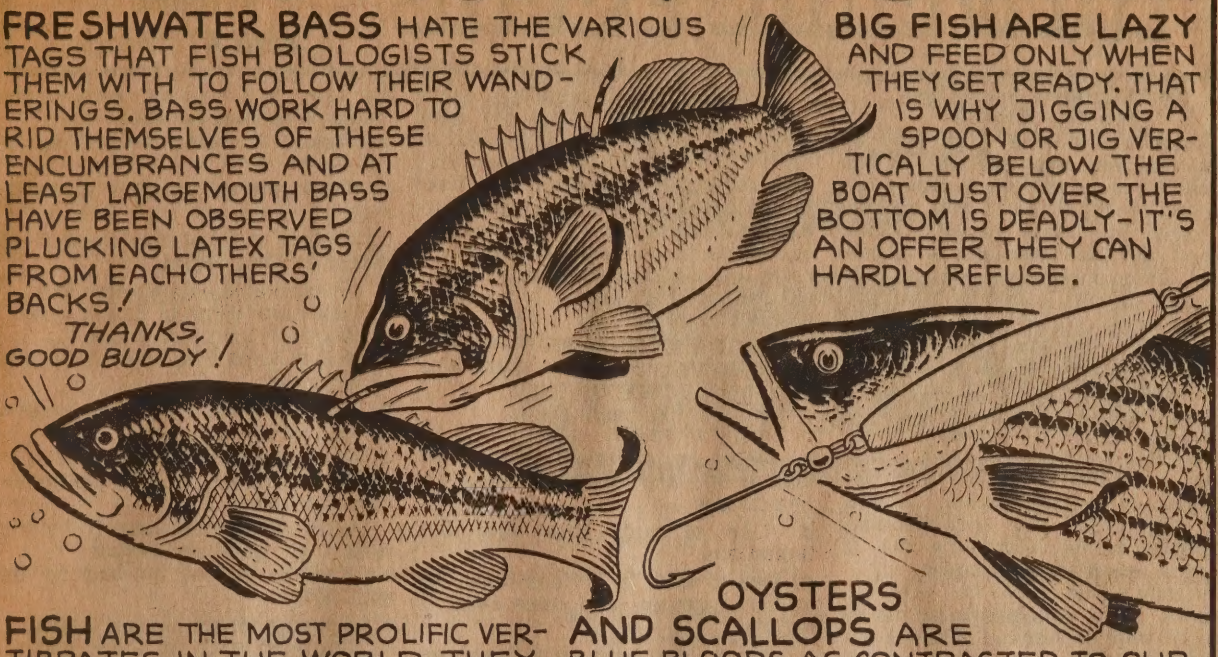

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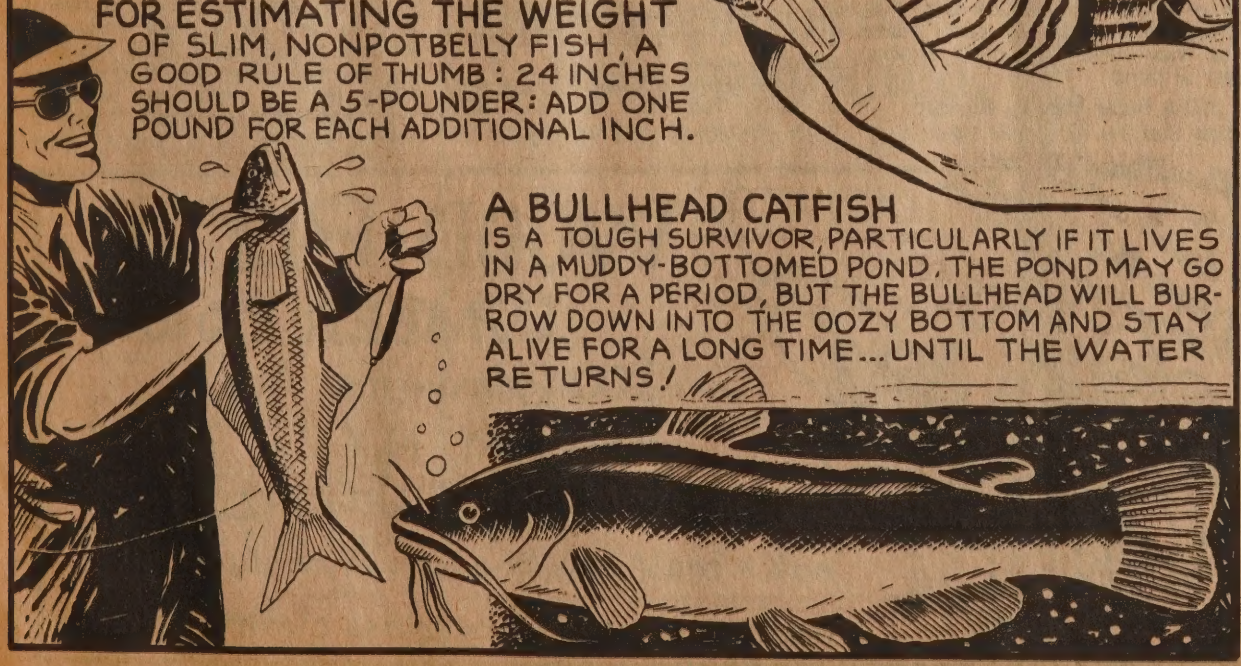
A BULLHEAD CATFISH IS A TOUGH SURVIVOR, PARTICULARLY IF IT LIVES IN A MUDDY-BOTTOMED POND. THE POND MAY GO DRY FOR A PERIOD, BUT THE BULLHEAD WILL BURROW DOWN INTO THE OOZY BOTTOM AND STAY ALIVE FOR A LONG TIME... UNTIL THE WATER RETURNS!



NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

North Carolina Angler Sets Sea Bass Records

Fishermen in this area like to think that they catch sea bass as big as can be found anywhere. However, the fact of the matter is that six out of eight line class records maintained by the International Game Fish Association were caught off Virginia Beach. It is true that the all-tackle record for sea bass, an even eight pounder, was caught about twenty-eight years ago off Nantucket—but now the south is taking that record away also. In fact, Joe Mizelle, Sr., of Coinjock, North Carolina, recently completed a feat that will stand with the most unusual in angling history. Mizelle not only broke that long-standing all-tackle world record—he did it twice in less than two months!

Mizelle's first record fish was one of 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was taken out of Oregon Inlet on April 21. That is the pending IGFA all-tackle world record. Then, on June 7, Mizelle boated an eight-and-a-half pounder off Virginia Beach to claim the Virginia State record, to add to the North Carolina State record he'd just established. The eight-and-a-half pounder is also the second largest sea bass ever taken on rod and reel. Unfortunately, you may not be able to board a party or charter boat to fish the wrecks Mizelle caught these record sea bass off. He and his son fish from a twenty-four foot outboard and specialize in locating wrecks that no one else knows about. Some of these wrecks are forty miles offshore in eighty to one hundred feet of water—a distance that discourages exploration by party boats since they have productive wrecks closer at hand.

IGFA Rules May Be Revised

Now that the IGFA has taken over freshwater record keeping from "Field & Stream," plus the saltwater fly fishing and International Spin Fishing Association records, that venerable organization is making inquiries in the angling community about **any** additions, deletions or revisions to the existing angling rules and world record requirements, as well as new means of handling the additional records.

Among the specific saltwater line class angling rules and regulations they'd like comments on are:

a. Length of double line.
b. Length of leader.
c. Need for different lengths of double line and leader for separate line classes.
d. Use of wire line and any limitations.
e. Use of lines of different classes spliced together, and their classifications.
f. Use of lures with more than two treble hooks.
g. Allowing shorter rod tips for light line classes.
h. Length of rope on flying gaff.
i. Mate transferring rod from rod holder to the angler while in free spool during or after strike.
j. Exact moment that a fish can be considered caught.

In terms of saltwater fly fishing rules and regulations consider the following:

a. Minimum length of class tippet.
b. Maximum length of shock leader.
c. Minimum and maximum lengths of fly rod.
d. Limitation on two-hook flies.
e. Use of a flying gaff and length of attached rope.

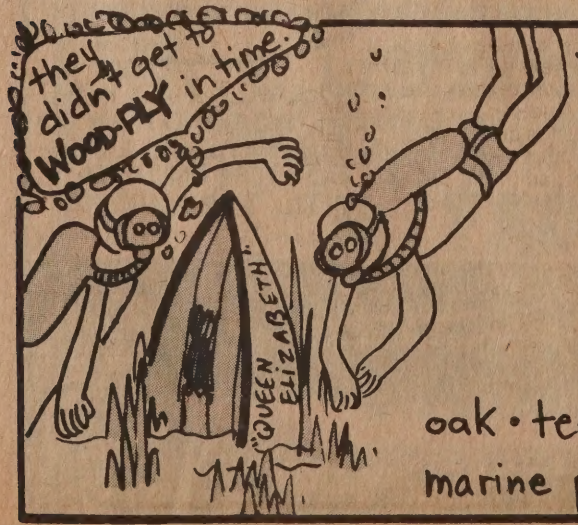
Since "Field & Stream" kept only all-tackle freshwater records, IGFA must prepare an entirely new system for line class records. Among the issues to be decided are:

a. Various line classes to be established.
b. Maximum line class for all-tackle records.
c. Weight differential needed to defeat existing record.
d. Unacceptable angling practices.
e. Maximum length of double line.
f. Maximum length of leader.
g. Use of lures with more than two treble hooks.
h. Minimum and maximum lengths of rod butt and rod tip.
i. Gaff and net limitations.
j. Exact moment fish can be considered caught.

Questions on freshwater fly fishing rules and regulations include:

a. Various tippet classes to be established.
c. Minimum length of class tippet.
d. Maximum length of shock leader.
e. Limitation on flies or streamers with multiple hooks.
f. Limitations on gaffs and nets.
g. Minimum and maximum lengths of rod.
h. Weight differential needed to defeat existing record.

The very basic question relative to the records maintained for so many years by the International Spin Fishing Association is whether they should be retained at all! The ISFA record setup was started when spinning was a new importation from Europe—and in the absence of any other freshwater line class record keeping. Records were kept in line classes from two to twelve pounds, and for a great variety of fresh and salt water fish—many of which aren't currently recognized by IGFA. Being a West Coast organization, they were particularly heavy on Pacific species. If a separate cate-



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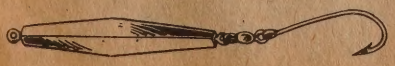
gory is to be retained for spin fishing records, should these be restricted to the use of artificial lures? the IGFA wonders if it would be sufficient if fresh and salt water records caught with spinning tackle or artificial lures were simply so identified within the basic record categories?

Another basic question is whether salt and fresh water line classes should be the same throughout the range of freshwater line classes. Presently, IGFA has line classes of 6, 12, 20, 30, 50, 80, and 130 lb. test. However, freshwater records will probably be broken down more finely in the lighter tests.

Though the request for recommended changes was sent to various leaders in the angling community (and, presumably, to member clubs), I'm sure that IGFA would be glad to hear the comments of all types of fishermen on these important matters. This, for instance, is your chance to get in a pitch on the establishment of a wire line category in order to accommodate the many anglers in this area that fish in that fashion. It would also be a good time to bring up the matter of treble hooked plugs. Though this regulation has been liberalized in recent years, many standard plugs are still not legal, as they have three sets of hooks rather than two. A great many freshwater plugs would also be illegal under this regulation, so this would be a good time to amend it. Big game fishermen may be interested in changing the regulation that permits thirty feet of both double line and leader for eighty pound, or heavier, tackle, but only fifteen feet of each from fifty pound down. Your comments should be directed to Mr. Elwood Harry, President, International Game Fish Association, 3000 Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

New Conservation Film Available To Schools and Clubs

The U.S. Forest Service has recently produced a new documentary film in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation about the life-support system on which all wildlife depends: habitat. The half-hour picture, "Habitat: A Special Place," is aimed at giving general audiences an in-depth look at the ever-changing relationship between wildlife and the essential elements it needs to survive: food, cover, water, and a place to raise their young. Filming was done at a number of areas around the country, including the Grand Teton Mountains and the nearby New Jersey Pine Barrens. The film is available to schools, conservation organizations, and other interested groups on a loan basis from regional Forest Service offices and land grant universities.



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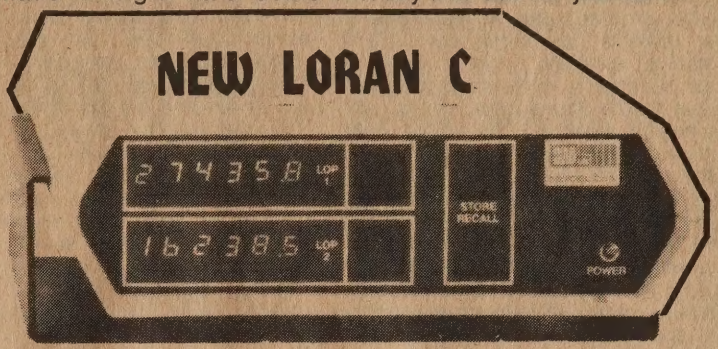

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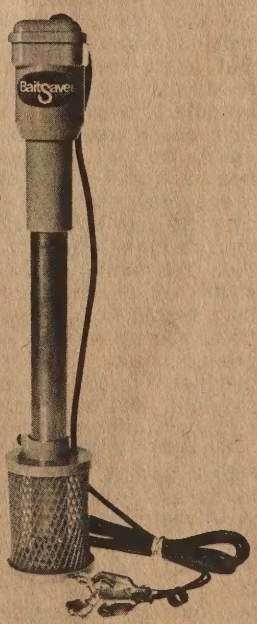

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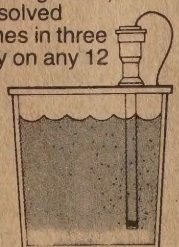

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FISH TALK

with Dr. William A. Muller

STRATEGY FOR SUMMER

HOW TO CATCH FINICKY SUMMER GAME FISH can often be a real problem, but at least one of our readers has come up with a practical solution. Mike Lavine of East Northport, wrote in to complain about North Shore bass, blues, and especially weakfish that have been playing "hit-and-run" with surf fishermen this year. "I have never before seen a year like this one. I go down to the beach fairly regularly in the Sound near my home, and for the last few years we have been enjoying some fine weakfishing. Usually, once the fish move in, they are around for a few weeks solid; and my friends and I have enjoyed some fine fishing. This year started out that way, but went to pot quickly. At first, I thought that the run was over, but then the fish suddenly reappeared and now it looks like they'll be with us all summer. That sounds great, but there's been one hitch. In addition to the fact that one night you can catch them good and the next night they seem not to be there at all—the fish often get picky! We had heard that some beach fishermen earlier in the season in Cold Spring Harbor had enjoyed some fine fishing using teasers in front of the plug and your magazine has made several mentions of the value of teasers when game fish are feeding on sand eels. Until this year, however, we never had to use them since we caught plenty of fish on small RedFins and Rebels. But, when we saw the size of the sand eels that are around now and became disgusted with the picky fish, we figured it was worth a try. To our delight, it works. There have been a number of nights when my friend, Paul and I, are the only ones catching any fish. If it's any help to your readers, they may want to try a five inch white teaser tied with a small tuft of bucktail hair and two long saddle hackle feathers on a #1 hook. We have used only white with great success. The size of the hook has been important for us, but it may not be for others who claim success with hooks as large as 5/0."

WHERE ARE THE BIG BLUEFISH? Several readers have written in to ask this question. Most are very well aware that the offshore shark grounds have been loaded with big choppers since mid-June, but since many of us find it hard to get out to where the blues are, they're wondering about the inshore action. It is possible that by the time this column gets in print that blues will have swarmed into the shallow water; but it might be valuable to take a look at the history of bluefishing in our area with the hope of getting a head start on what the options are. For years and years, bluefish were thought to have an eleven-year cycle, but since the late 1940s, that has not held up as a viable theory. Perhaps different fishing styles and harvest methods have interrupted the cycle? However, bluefish didn't necessarily just disappear completely in past years, but would seem to avoid certain areas for one or more seasons continuing to show up in other spots with the same abundance and enthusiasm for killing. No one seems to know exactly why this happened, but many guesses have been put forth. These have included changes in bait fish movements and abundance, changes in water temperatures, and a change in the available number of fish in the ocean. In many ways, these suggestions all have merit; but to date, as far as I know, no one has been able to put all the pieces together.

REMEMBER 1977? The blues lingered south and offshore during the season of 1977 and it was the talk of the party boat fleets that had to make long runs to the Shrewsbury Rocks to find the blues. It's a good thing that they are closer this year what with gasoline shortages; however, except for the fact that in 1977, the fish did not progress northward, the scene is much the same. Finally, to everyone's relief, they invaded the inshore grounds like hordes of attacking Huns in September. They seemed to come out of nowhere, appearing in Long Island Sound, Montauk, and all the South Shore inlets at the same time. The action for alligator blues was fierce until well into November. Perhaps that's what will happen this year, too? Many of us figured that the sudden arrival of the bluefish lovin' mako sharks would send the choppers scurrying for the sanctuary of shallower water—but that didn't work.

OLD-TIMERS SAYS TODAY'S BLUES ARE BIGGER. Irwin Pendergast of Jamaica, New York, recently noticed a discussion of bluefishing possibilities in our fishing reports, and as he says; "...I just had to write. Today, a bluefish isn't big unless it's over ten pounds, it isn't huge until it's over fifteen pounds, and it isn't a monster until it pushes twenty pounds. I'm sixty years old and I've been fishing for blues for a lot of years. I can remember when we would sail with a Sheesphead Bay party boat and catch truly big blues of five to eight pounds. We rarely saw a fish bigger than ten and the only twenty pound blue was rumored to have been trolled at Montauk in the early Fifties, but the realness of that fish was like the mirage on the desert. We heard about it, but we didn't really believe it. Today, a blue of five pounds is a runt and I can remember when we were all too happy to have them. Why are things so different, Mr. Biologist?" Much the same thing has been witnessed for the weakfish which old-timers swear up and down weren't this big in the run of the 1930s. Are the fish really bigger? Perhaps they are, since we now appreciate the fact that species of fish sometimes become isolated in subgroups whose behavior, migrations, and ultimately genetics become different in subtle and sometimes not so subtle ways from their cousins just a few hundred miles up or down the coast. We know that it is true for bass and blues with much evidence to support the belief that these fish have formed subspecies or races. A technique called **electrophoresis** which analyzes the proteins of blood can be conveniently used to identify fish from different subgroups. The technique was originally developed to test human blood for various disorders, but has now been modified for fisheries research. Recently, Texas Instruments used the technique to distinguish between Hudson River and Chesapeake bass. The data, to date, suggests perhaps five races of blues which may or may not have limited and precise migration behavior. The data also suggests that the Long Island area receives schools from several of these races and that the races of blues characteristically differ in certain traits, including size. Perhaps these races are not equally successful at spawning each year or even each decade, and thus the preponderance of large fish or the lack of them will depend in great measure upon which race of blues is dominating population structure in any one or a series of year classes.

OTHERS SAY DIFFERENT. We have spoken to other experienced fishermen who interpret things differently. They suggest that our fishing equipment, techniques and knowledge has changed so much in the last few decades that there are more knowing fishermen with better skills and more time to find the big blues. Peter Marion of Riverhead suggested that when our approaches change, so do the results. "Years ago, we would go out in the boat and look for birds working. When we found the blues chopping at the surface we would cast to them. I lived closer to the city in those days and we'd sail out of Hempstead Harbor. Almost every night the one

to five pound blues would be there. You know, bigger fish of all kinds are not as energetic as the little ones and it isn't common to find alligator blues creating mayhem on the surface. Sure, it happens—but not all the time. In the last few years, I've become selective and maybe it hasn't been such a good idea. I think of myself as a specialist. I look for those big ones and, in a sense, I'm trophy hunting. Maybe that isn't such a good idea for a couple of reasons. First, I miss a lot of wild action for smaller fish and, second, those big blues aren't nearly as tasty as the littler ones."

THANKS TO DONNA EDGAR OF SEA GRANT. Donna recently sent us some information about the New York Bight which should be of interest to fishermen who ply the western end of the South Shore ocean, since fluke, bass, blues, as well as a variety of ground fish are often available in good numbers in those waters. The New York Bight is an area that covers 15,000 square miles; is bounded by New York and New Jersey and extends out about eighty to one hundred miles to the edge of the Continental Shelf. As we all know, that area has been a target for dumping and some types of pollution are said to be very high. Therefore, some fishermen are very concerned about the quality of that environment and the possible effects the pollution can have on the quality of recreational angling there. There are four major sources of contamination in the Bight. These are atmospheric fallout, dump spoils, wastewater additions, and runoff. Atmospheric contamination results when metals, soot, and noxious gases mix with the water. Dumped wastes include construction spoils, acid, and the wastes from a variety of industrial and human activities including sewage. Runoff includes the pollutants in the water that enters the Bight after falling as rain on the land, mixing with road salt, oil, gasoline, tar, and other materials before running via storm sewers and drainage portals to the sea.

SEWAGE NOT THE MAIN PROBLEM. There was a time when we believed that sewage was an environmental horror. However, we now know that although sewage pollution is very offensive, we can readily correct the problem through the deployment of sewage treatment plants and once the sewage no longer is being added to the environment, things return to normal fairly quickly without serious long term effects. The only exception to this is when sewage pollution has been intense for generations. Then, it may be necessary to biologically reconstruct the normal plant and animal populations by methodically re-introducing them as pollution levels decline. The real danger is from toxic chemicals which are not cycled and whose toxicity persists sometimes for thousands of years.

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You might also be interested in knowing that only eighty-five per cent of the New York Metropolitan Area is serviced by sewers and that the remaining fifteen per cent (about 350 million gallons per day) is pumped raw into the environment. Actually, these percentages are somewhat misleading since the sewage wastes and storm waters travel through the same pipes. Therefore, during times of prolonged heavy rains sewage spills over into pipes that have a direct access to the sea. This is necessary to prevent damage to treatment plants caused by additional loading. This may pose some serious short term problems for local areas and the finfish and shellfish that inhabit those waters. The question of pollution and, in particular, sewage has been of great interest to many people for a long time. Next week we will look at more information provided by Sea Grant and further look at the problem of water pollution.

Surf Side with Andy Regina

SURF FLOAT RIGS

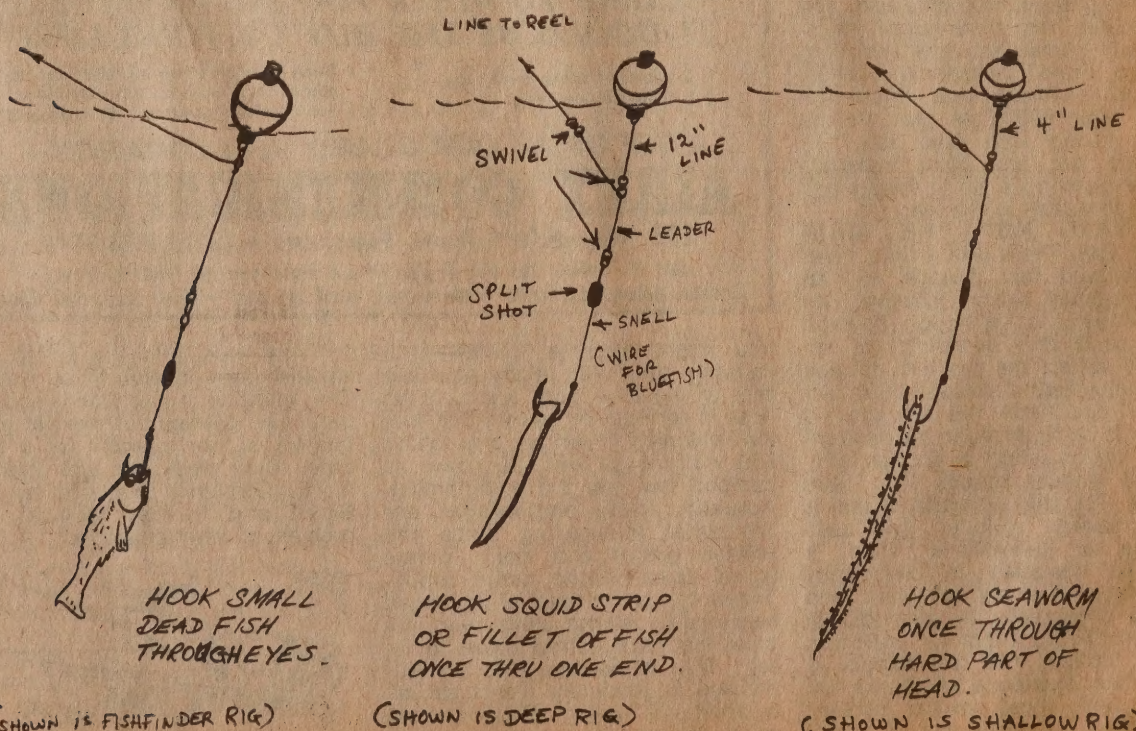
There are times when, for one reason or another, the fisherman would like to keep his bait off the bottom. There could be too many crabs on bottom, or pesky bait-stealing bergalls, to keep a bait down long enough to interest any desirable game fish. Game fish could be feeding directly off the bottom, or at intermediate levels; or live bait could hide in the rocks or seaweed below, negating their effectiveness as fish catchers. It is when any or all of these problems arise, that the bait fisherman must go to a means of keeping his bait suspended at some productive level above bottom; and the way to get the job done is to use some type of float. Here, the choice once again is a multiple one, and most fishermen use either the surf-man's leader cork float, or a conventional surface float, such as those seen bobbing around some pier when a snapper run is on. The leader float will effectively keep light baits slightly off the bottom, and is effective up to a point. When baits used become heavy, such as chunk bait or whole live bait, the lightweight leader float cannot do the job properly. To keep seaworms or strip baits such as squid out of the reach of crabs, the leader float can't be beat and is easy to rig due to the pull strings they come equipped with, which pull your leader completely through the center of the cork. Furthermore, their bullet-like shape is aerodynamical, making it easy to cast 'em, because they offer very little wind resistance. These leader floats are also especially effective if you desire to keep your bait in one certain specific area, because you are anchored to the bottom by your sinker, which is not moved by this float at all. A case in point might be when stripers are feeding in one specific spot in that slough offshore—say where a small rip is formed at one particular point of a tide. If game fish are concentrated in this manner, it is only natural to want to stay in the strike zone, as often the mere move of only a couple of feet away might put you too far away from the fish.

The conventional red-and-white bobber comes in a variety of sizes and can accommodate baits weighing several pounds if need be. We never failed to be amazed at the sight of two pound blue runners being used as live bait for kingfish and other game fish on our trips to Florida. Down there, the pier fishermen achieved distance by using floats made of sponge rubber balls, which could be cast quite far. The plastic bobbers we use here cannot be cast too far; but then again, distance is not always required of the beach rat. At those times when it is, we employ the help of Mother Nature, and depend on offshore winds and currents to get our bait out to where the fish might be. And when the wind or current is onshore, we sit and wait, or employ other methods of tempting fate; but sometimes with an onshore breeze the bait ends up closer inshore, so quite naturally the game fish follow—thus negating the need for surface bobbers after all.

The surface bobber can be used with any type of bait. A few examples include live fish, whole dead fish, chunk bait, fillets, or soft baits such as seaworms, clams, and squid. Here the fisherman must determine the length above bottom at which he wants to present his bait, and affix his line that proper distance from the bobber. The distance from the bobber to the hook is the distance that your bait will be suspended above the bottom. In strong currents or tides, you might have to add split-shot weights to the leader to keep your bait at the proper depth; the correct weight being determined by the force of the current.

One of the most effective live baits to use from shore is bunker, although at times any live bait will prove effective; such as live spearing, sand eels, killies, bergalls, snappers, herring, mackerel, or small blackfish. In southern New Jersey, we used to fish for stripers in the Point Pleasant Canal with live baby flounder simply because the local fishermen discovered that resident bass were being caught by surprised flounder fishermen, who had been reeling in hooked flounder.

There are a few problems involved with fishing live bait from the beach. Usually, from a jetty, you do not have to cast too far, but often from the beach the fish always seem to be just beyond reach. Assuming that we



can keep our live bait alive (if we are lucky enough to procure live bait, which is not always easy to do from shore), we must be careful not to kill the bait by stunning it with the impact of its hitting the surface of the water upon casting. Here the bait is usually gently lobbed seaward, and we depend upon the float to drift it out to the game fish. The live bait surfman cannot spike his rod and relax either, for he must tend his line as alertly as a sheepdog herding a flock: outgoing line must be stripped and fed off the reel slowly, avoiding excess bellying, and incoming line must be slowly reeled in for the same reason.

Strikes are not always the jarring variety we like to associate with bluefish and stripers. Often, with live bait, the fish will gently mouth the bait and swim away with it before turning it around in its mouth and swallowing it. Keeping slack, or excess slack, out of your line while holding your rod in your hands with the reel on free spool and your thumb on the line, will not only alert you to the pick-up and swim-off (not really a runoff), but will allow you to bow your rod to the fish as you allow the line to flow from the reel smoothly which, in turn, will do nothing to alarm the fish or alert it to the fact that the free offering it mouthed is booby-trapped.

Bluefish, surprisingly enough, can at times mouth and swim off with a bait; and after dropping it because of some reason, present you with your original bait still alive and kicking, and without a scratch on it at all. So much for the gentleness of game fish with live bait. Timing the correct moment to set your hook is a whole 'nother ball game, and here it's every man for himself—you do it when you alone think best.

Any live bait fish can also be used dead—either whole, cut into chunk bait, or filleted. Here we insist that fresh bait is best. Naturally, with live bait you can't get anything any fresher, but otherwise we all have a tendency to hedge on freshness. Make no mistake though, it is important enough to warrant using nothing else; so if you catch it on the spot, or it dies in use—fish with it.

Whole dead fish can be hooked through the eyes or lips if the fish is on the small side; otherwise, as with whole dead bunker, hook it through the back, right through the dorsal fin. Chunk bait should be hooked once, letting the hook point and barb penetrate completely through the flesh, exposing them for instant penetration when game fish strike. Fillets should be hooked once through the wide end, then left to flutter in the current, with that hook point and barb once again completely exposed after penetration through the flesh.

Hooking live bait presents more of a problem, because now we must not only hook the bait securely, so that it does not fall off the hook while casting, but we must be extra careful so as not to place the hook deep enough to critically injure the bait. Most big baits are hooked midway through the dorsal fin, into the back, but not deep enough to touch the spinal column. There are specialized hooking arrangements for large baits, involving hooking the bait through the lips, or in the mouth, but these methods usually involve a two-hook rig, and usually some soft copper wire, or strong thread. On the beach, we must keep it as simple as possible; so we generally prefer the single-hook method through the back.

Small live baits, such as spearing or killies, or even small groundfish, can be hooked through the lips, presenting them to game fish in a natural state while keeping them alive effectively. Seaworms should be impaled in the front of the head and strung partly up the hook before letting the bulk of the body trail from the bend of the hook, to undulate underwater naturally.

Strip baits, such as squid strips, should be hooked once through the wide end, and left to hang off the bend of the hook, to flutter enticingly in the current. Soft baits, such as clams, should be hooked through the hardest part of the body, letting the soft, fleshy stomach drape below the hook bend, tempting finicky game fish to taste a little before swallowing the whole thing.

Small dead bait fish can be hooked in the same manner as whole live bait fish—through the eyes or lips, so that they hang suspended from the hook in a natural-looking manner. These small baits can also be hooked in the back, if short-striking fish become a problem.

Remember that the surface float creates a lot of wind resistance when cast, especially if the bait used is not too heavy, or if no sinker is used. Cast it out as gently as possible; you'll get the hang of it after a few casts, and will soon be able to achieve maximum distance. After that, let Nature take its course.

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SNAPPER FISHING

It is difficult to believe we are already into midsummer; but proof is all about us. Visit good fishing areas at this time and I'm sure you will find multitudes of anglers, ranging from kids to grown-ups, standing or sitting on piers, docks, wharves, canal bulkheads, wherever suitable water exists, all doing their thing in the bright sunshine. Why all the activity? What's the attraction? The answer is simple. All these happy-go-lucky fishermen are attempting to catch snappers and most are succeeding extremely well. For evidence of this, stroll about and glance in the fish buckets. Depending upon how long each angler has been busy, the buckets will hold assorted quantities of six and seven inch yearling bluefish, known by one and all as snappers. I'm sure if you are a newcomer to our sport, you are wondering how such small fish can cause such commotion and excitement. For surely, you must agree, any fisherman worth his salt is interested in catching big fish. Why, then, do these fellows purposely go out of their way to fish for midgets? If this is your thought, there can be no question you are unacquainted with snapper fishing, otherwise I'm sure you would know snappers provide excellent sport for thousands of anglers each summer day.

Because these fish are so plentiful, it is just about impossible not to catch them once the basics are known. Snappers will attack and strip bait from a hook in a twinkling, making it mandatory for fishermen to be on their toes every moment; and for their size, they will put a set in light tackle never thought possible. Hence the enjoyment, for snappers are endowed with all the savage cunning, instinct, and strength of their larger brothers—only on a smaller scale. You may be sure there are few fishermen who fail to enjoy a day of snapper fishing.

These small fish have always held a warm spot in my fishing heart; they were the first saltwater fish I attempted to catch. But this fondness is not unusual, for the majority of us fellows who continue to fish over the years can say that. The fact that snappers were just as plentiful in those long gone days as they are now was the reason many of us became enamored of the sport. The snapper's willingness to cooperate with the novice fisherman was proof positive to me that they could be caught by anyone with little or no experience; which, of course, is always a fine way to start off a fishing career. Nothing breeds enthusiasm like success.

One of the many nice things about snapper fishing is its low cost. Of course, you can indulge and splurge on first-rate light spinning tackle, but for ordinary, run-of-the-mill snapper catching, this isn't really necessary. Many fishermen do quite well with the time-honored, one-piece, whippy bamboo snapper rod. These are available in any tackle shop during the season and I don't think we fishermen will ever buy cheaper fishing tackle that returns so much for so little.

Long gone are the twenty-five cent snapper rods we used as kids, but for a few bucks you can equip yourself with one of these one-piece jobs, plus a plastic bobber and a half-dozen Bridgeport snapper hooks. Add a box of frozen spearing or sand eels, a little finesse on your part, and there is no reason in the world why you can't fill a bucket with snappers.

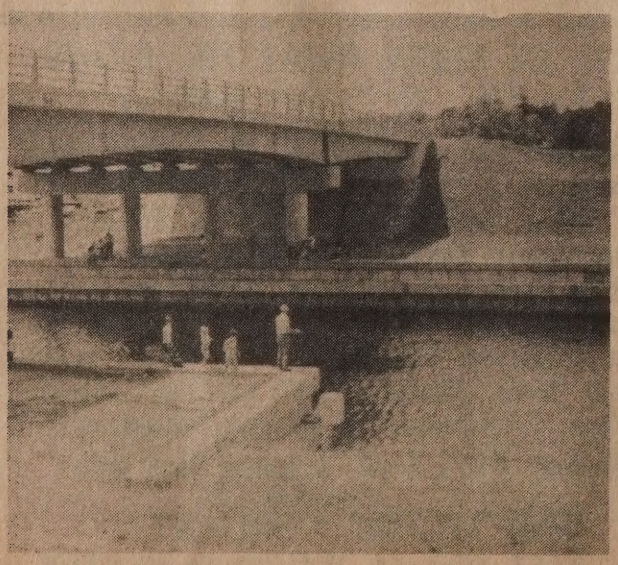
Incidentally, you can also purchase snapper rods in two and three-piece, take-apart sections. These are convenient for traveling and are well worth the extra pennies.

Because snapper fishing is easy doesn't mean that all you need do is dunk bait and the fish will come. There is a little more to it than that. I find that when rigging-up one of these whippy rods, it is best to use a length of ten-pound mono no more than two feet longer than the rod. Should you use more than this, you'll find your fish harder to hook. This is because snappers are lightning-swift and the extra split second needed to draw up that unnecessary length allows the snapper ample time to wrench your bait free of the hook and escape. That correct length is most important—so don't overlook it.

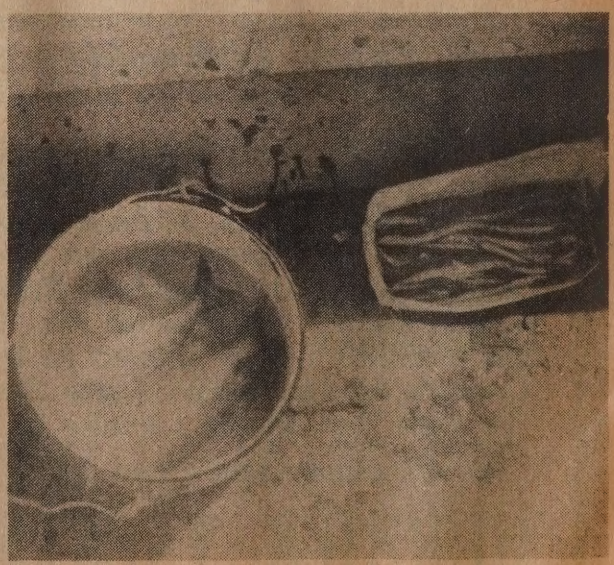
You'll also find it best to hook your fish and swing it in with one steady lift of the rod. Any line-length longer than that recommended makes this difficult to do. Often, the least amount of hesitation or slack will allow the tricky snapper to throw the hook. Be guided accordingly.

Snappers swim at various depths, depending upon the availability of bait fish; but if you place your bobber about three feet above the hook, few snappers will fail to investigate. Because you are limited by the length of rod and line, the higher you place your bobber, the more difficult it will be to reach the fish; this is why the three-foot depth is recommended. It is these little things that makes the difference when snapper fishing.

Just about any kind of fish bait will do, but most fishermen use spearing or sand eel. Be careful when



Shinnecock Canal and snappers go hand in hand and are a real treat for the kids.



A box of spearing or sand eels, plus a little know-how will fill a bucket with snappers.

baiting-up. It is best to run the hook through at the head and then back again about in the center of the fish, allowing the hook to show. Snappers never notice and it is an aid when setting the hook.

It is to your advantage to have that bait appear as natural-like as possible. Curled, bunched bait produces few snappers. To aid you in this, you can purchase snapper hooks which have a small, keeper-hook attached to the shank. These will help keep the bait lying straight out along the hook shank, which you'll find is a distinct advantage, especially when using frozen bait which often becomes soft upon thawing.

What type of bobber you use is an individual choice, but I find the slender quill type more sensitive than the common round type. If you use a quill bobber, make sure to add one or two small split shots or a small clincher sinker to the hook snell for balance.

You will find, too, because of less resistant when using a quill bobber, snappers seldom toy with the bait. Don't be conned by a bouncing bobber. When you see this, it means only that the wily, suspicious snapper hasn't made up its mind about your bait. This is one of the reasons I don't care for round bobbers: they offer too much resistance to the wary fish. To attempt to hook your snapper at this time usually results in no fish and lost bait. Hook your snapper only when the bobber disappears beneath the surface.

What has just been written is the easiest way to catch snappers, and is the method everyone used before the advent of spinning tackle. To add to that, I say: thank the fishing gods for our spinning tackle. If there is anything that has put extra snap in snapper fishing, it is light spinning gear. With it, you can easily cast bait or small lures to the feeding fish with pinpoint accuracy and really enjoy snapper fishing to its fullest. No longer is it necessary to wait for the fish to come to you. Any light spinning rod and matching reel filled with good quality four pound mono will fill the bill nicely.

Right now snappers are rapidly putting on weight (sometimes I believe you can notice the difference from day to day), and when September rolls around, most of these fish will have added an inch or two. By late September and until the fish leave after the first week of October, it isn't unusual to hook snappers ten to twelve inches long. This is truly when light spinning gear comes into its own.

Bait for spin fishing is the same as mentioned before, or you can slice a smaller snapper into thin, two inch strips and use that. Be sure to allow some to wiggle enticingly in the current when retrieving. Once you've got a snapper or two in the bucket, you need never run out of bait.

As for lures, any of the small Kastmasters, Hopkins, and Swedish Pimples will work wonders when you see fish feeding on the surface. I have had very good luck using small Sidewinders with a mossbunker finish. The plain ones, while good, do not produce as many snappers for me.

You will find a slow retrieve works best when bait fishing. If at any time you observe snappers following the bait with no takers, you are retrieving too fast. Slow it down.

When casting lures, it is often necessary to find the correct retrieve speed. What worked yesterday, may not necessarily work today. I believe this is governed by what the snappers are feeding on at any given time. Sand eels may swim faster than spearing when frightened by a school of marauding snappers, or vice versa. You can't tell; so it is important to vary your reeling speed until you hit the right combination. Once you find this, you will have no difficulty landing snapper after snapper.

Naturally, it is the lure's action that is appealing to the snapper; therefore, don't connect it to your line with a snap swivel (or any hardware). You will certainly cut down the amount of fish you catch if you do. Instead, tie the lure directly to the line with a common Improved Clinch Knot. Trim any excess close to the knot. Because the lure is light, it doesn't take much to hinder the built-in action.

Snappers are found just about everywhere. Some spots are better than others, but not by much. The largest snappers are found around the Shinnecock area: Shinnecock Canal, Shinnecock Inlet, and throughout the Peconics. These places are hard to beat at the end of the season and there is usually no problem filling a bucket in a short time.

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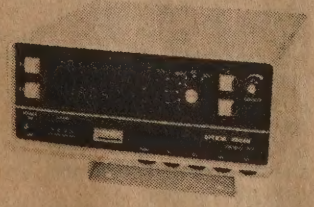

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CATCHING BONITO & ALBACORE

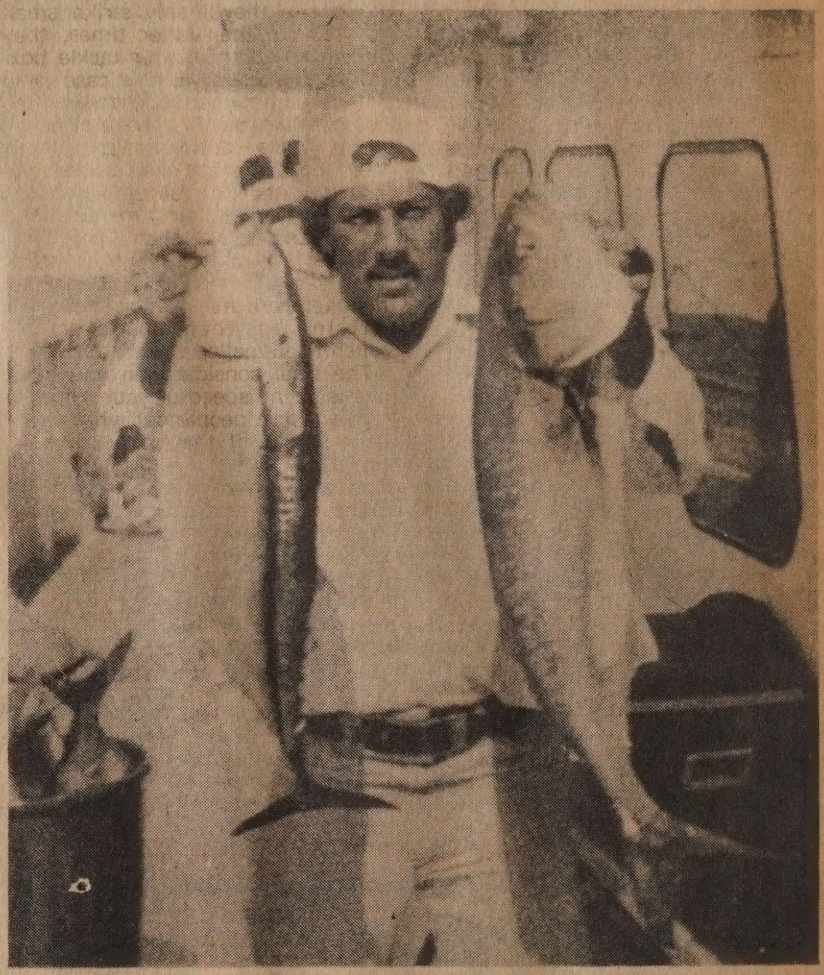
by Richard Giessuebel

Bonito and albacore are two sport fish which rank very high in the minds of most fishermen. The bonito is very fast and even though he may be slight in size, his quick bursts of speed and surprising dogging power make him a formidable adversary. As for the albacore (resembling a tuna) this fish is truly a lot of fun. When he hits, you'll know it, and you'd better get a pretty good hold on your pole. Off he'll go—drag and all! His first run will leave you breathless, especially if you are fishing relatively light tackle. Then, from this point on, he'll make you think that you've hooked a fish many times bigger than he actually is. Sound interesting? Well, if that's the case, I know you're wondering where to go to catch them, and how you should go about it. Therefore, it is the intent of this article to go into detail on just what it takes to score with these highly touted game fish species.

Boats leave daily from the Sheepshead Bay and Staten Island marinas in search of bluefish. These junkets usually chum, and chumming is the key. Once the captains are aware that there are bonito and albacore in an area, they will make certain that their chum contains a high percentage of tinker mackerel. He will probably also advertise that he's after such too, and while at the dock, you'll have an opportunity to board the boat of your choice, based upon what species of fish you most want to capture.

Once at their favorite chumming sites, the mackerel-ladened chum will be played out into the water. If there are any of the speedballs in the area, they'll begin to gather behind the boat in the slick. The albacore, being very much like tuna, might even be seen swirling behind the boat as they come up to slug the chum. Then, once you know they have been attracted, the rest is up to you.

You can now elect one of two primary ways of fishing for these guys off of a party boat. The first is to drift chunks of bait back to them, and the other is to jig. Either way you choose to fish, your bait will be in competition, for not only do the bonito and albacore like these techniques, but the always present and pesky bluefish like them, too. Now this might sound funny calling the number one summer staple, the bluefish, a pest; however, where fishing for the bonito and the albacore is concerned they are exactly that. The reason for this is that you must fish as light as possible in order to corral a few of the speedballs, and should a blue strike, your entire rig will be gone and you won't have any fish to show for your efforts. To minimize the risks of lost fish, I truly elect to jig rather than to drift chunk baits. However, fishing with bait is a lot of fun, and the percentages, even if bluefish do bite, can be swung in your direction.



Blues can be a real pests on light equipment. Here, Michael Kersey hoists two twelve pounders, one albacore and one big pest.

Here's how to fish chunk baits. First of all, bonito and albacore are two very finicky customers. They very seldom fall prey to a piece of bait protruding from a hook that is at the end of a wire leader and which is intended for bluefish; therefore, when after these guys, you can't use the wire leader. Now, you can see where the frustration enters into the picture. Also, add the fact that the hooks you should use are nothing more than 1/0 short-shanked tuna hooks and the picture gets still worse.

For optimum success, you must also hide the hook in the bait. And finally, you should be using lines of test which are in the fifteen pound range. The lighter the better; however, putting all of these facts together adds up to a pretty impossi-

ble situation where bluefish are concerned, and a high percentage of their hits will go unanswered.

The situation, however, isn't hopeless. Here's what to do if the blues are really creating a problem and if there are still a lot of bonito and albacore coming over the rail. Be ever alert for the first sign of a hit! Then, once it comes, point your pole's tip right at the fish and reel. The moment you're into him, swing your pole back very hard. If you've got a blue, chances are you will have pulled the line out of his mouth, while hopefully embedding the hook somewhere into his jaw. Now, if it's a blue, keep the pressure on and don't give him a single inch. If it's an albie—hang on!

The bait you should use while chunk fishing is either bunker or mackerel. However, the mackerel have a tendency to break up when hit and they can get cleaned from your line pretty quick. Therefore, consider either tying them on with elastic thread or putting them on along with a piece of bunker. One thing that should not happen here is that you create some giant conglomeration of bait. Keep it simple! Put on a small piece of mackerel, then hide the hook in a small piece of bunker back. Also, often mackerel aren't supplied for bait. At this time, you might be able to lift a few from the chum, but again, consider that these fish will break up quickly on a hook and fall right off, so be prepared so as not to be fishing with a bare hook for any appreciable amount of time.

The other manner in which to fish for these critters is to fish a jig. Well, there are certain things that you can do here to try to avoid catching the ever-present blue. The first thing is—do not fish any teasers on the lures you select to use. A teaser is anything which trails after the lure. Often used in this capacity are colored lengths of tubing, strips of bunker, or strips of squid. However, should you fish any teaser, the temptation will be too great for the bluefish and you will score heavily with them.

The way in which you want to jig for the bonito and albacore is as follows. First, they are very curious and quick fish. They will investigate anything that goes through their area and that is flashing. Therefore, use flashy type lures: diamonds, Hopkins, and Krocodile spoons all fit the bill. One thing that you should consider here is that I said they will investigate whatever passes through their area. I didn't say that they'll **hit** anything. So, the next step is to look at what you should do with these lures to increase their potential.

The first thing I do is to remove any treble hooks that may be on them. I replace the treble with a heavy duty #7 long-shanked hook by putting a heavy duty ring through the hole on the lure where the trebles were removed and then by putting the hook onto the ring, also. By this operation, the lure has gained an awful lot of motion. You see, the treble hooks give the lure stability as it comes through the water, very much like the tail fin on an airplane. Once replaced, the lure now seems to swim from side to side as it comes through the water. This action, in itself, draws more hits.

The size of the lure used is also very important. Unlike bluefish which will strike any size lure regardless of their own size, bonito and albacore are often very fussy. Sometimes they'll only strike small spoons, and then other times, they will hit anything in your tackle box. What I like to do in this case is to start big, and when it is determined that the fish aren't hitting, I slowly work my way down in lure size. I start with perhaps a six ounce diamond, then go to a four ounce diamond, right on down to the ounce-and-a-quarter Krocodile spoon. I also watch the water intently and when I can determine that there are fish following me but not striking, then I immediately switch to a smaller lure.

The final consideration you must give is to the speed of your retrieve. I always start people out with a very fast retrieve. If they're not scoring with even a few strikes, I then attempt to increase their speed. That's right—increase their speed! You see, when these fish can keep up with your lure, chances are that they won't hit that lure. Yet, should that lure be pulled away from them, they will usually muster one quick burst of speed and they will slap the lure. This slap is registered as a hit. You should go even faster now, and usually a fish will be hung.

Well, this then is how you can start fishing for strictly bonito and albacore. Remember, they are truly exciting fish and after you have caught several, you will certainly want to go back for more. This is also true for those experienced fishermen out there who like to catch tuna. The reason for this is that all tuna fishermen know that tuna fishing is work. Well, bonito and albacore are like tuna in that they give a great first run, but from there on in, the capture is much more like pleasure than work. So, if you get a chance, get out there and experience them for yourself.

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SIXTEEN DAYS

Part One — The First Day

by Arthur Morris

It was a sunny Saturday, the twenty-eighth of August. I went to the mailbox to see how many birthday cards my wife had received. One, two, three...what's this? A plain white envelope from the Board of Education. It couldn't be: Dear Mr. Morris, It is with deepest regret...we wish to thank you for your six years of devoted service.

A week later, I was on the phone with Ron Grandinetti, Captain of the Montauk charterboat "Julie III." I had been a steady customer of Ron's for the past few years, enjoying many fantastic days on his last boat, the Julie II, a twenty-two foot outboard. When Ron learned of my unemployment he immediately suggested that I join him for two weeks fishing during his upcoming September vacation. (Ron works for the Transit Authority and takes charters on weekends.) I would serve as his mate and fish for the market, receiving a percentage of the catch. I was ecstatic! A chance to fish for sixteen straight days in Montauk, and a chance to make some money. Besides, I loved to help Ron out when my friends and I chartered the boat: cutting bait, pulling the anchor and gaffing or netting fish. And fish!—Oh, how I loved to fish. Countless nights on the jetties of Rockaway, catching striped bass on a light spinning stick and RedFins had heightened my love and appreciation of the sport—the sport to which I had been introduced by my Grandmother some twenty years before. She took me to the sea wall by Riis Park where we caught a mess of five inch bergalls, which we promptly brought home and fried up for lunch!

It was an understatement to say that I looked forward to the coming experience with the greatest anticipation.

The first day dawned bright and clear and the freshness of the sea air seemed to awaken my body from the grogginess that had overtaken it during the three-hour drive from the city. The dock at Mike Cahill's Inlet Marina was bustling with activity: boats being gassed up and loaded with ice, bait and the gear of expectant charter parties.

The complete absence of bass and blues in the Montauk area dictated a full day of bottom fishing. The six-man charter group was enthusiastic. I rigged each of the rods with a high-low rig of 1/0 Eagle Claws and a six ounce sinker. Then I futilely began to attack a bushel of skimmer clams. It took me about two minutes to open **each** clam as I had simply never learned the "magic way" used by all experienced mates. Ron had shown me the proper way once before but the lesson did not sink in. On about the third clam, the knife slipped and I opened an inch long gash on the heel of my right hand. By the time we reached the Sanctuary Grounds, just past the Midway Rips, I had somehow managed to open about a quarter of the bushel of skimmers. Ron had done a job on the sea bass and porgies the previous Sunday at a spot within the Sanctuary that he had nicknamed "Pete's Hole." The Captain's eyes went from his shore ranges to the depth recorder and back again as he looked for this specific "piece of bottom" to "come up" on the machine. After crisscrossing the area for several minutes, Ron gave me the signal to drop a marker buoy as the boat passed over the "piece." The depth recorder showed this piece as a rocky ridge which rose about eight feet off the bottom. After the buoy was thrown, we would take a short drift on each side of it to determine if the fish were present, and if so, in which area the largest and hungriest fish lay. This first morning hungry fish were everywhere and after two successful drifts, we anchored up on the piece. This sounds easy, but in most cases, is not. The Captain must take into account the complex effects of wind and tide while positioning the boat for the drop. If all has been figured correctly the boat will come to rest within a few yards of the marker buoy. Ronnie hit Pete's Hole right on the button and for two solid hours, we bailed fish. Porgies from a pound-and-a-quarter and up, and beautiful large sea bass (some over four pounds) pounded the baits as soon as they reached bottom. The fishing slowed to a pick as the tide began to pick up steam. It would be four days until I would learn the correct method of "hooking in the tide," but for now I managed a large porgy every ten minutes or so. Ron decided that since the sea bass were so large, we would wait out the tide. He thought that when the tide began to slack, the slaughter would begin anew. In a very few hours, he was proved right.

The large humpbacked sea bass is among the most beautiful fish imaginable. The irridescent blues, aquas, greens, and lilacs must be seen in "living" color to be appreciated.

To remove the hook from a sea bass (or vice versa), the fish must be grasped firmly between the thumb and forefinger making sure that you grab hold **in front** of the rear serrated edges of the gill cover. This will enable you to press down upon the forward serrated edge and at the same time protect your hands from these two razor sharp edges. The fish should be grasped from below so that the fish's weight is supported by the palm of the hand. This will keep your hand out of range of

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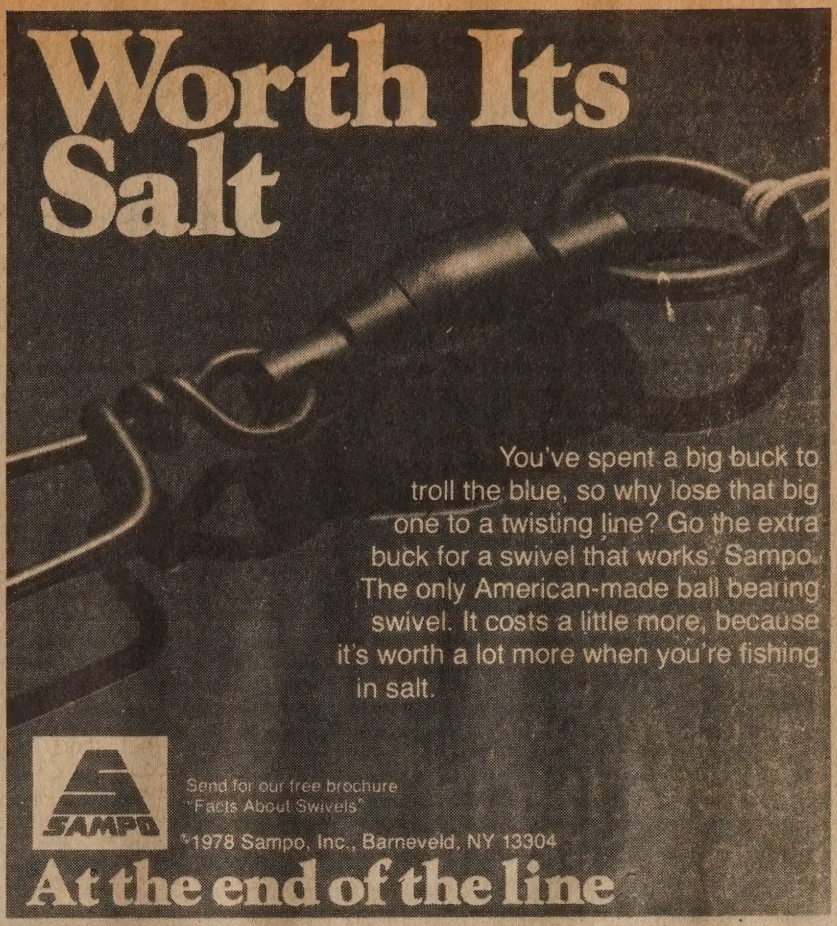
the needle-like pectoral fins. If you plan on doing any serious sea bassing this year, re-read this paragraph as it is a bit complicated. The accompanying illustration may also help. This was a lesson which was, unfortunately, learned through first-hand experience! After the first day my hands were a series of cuts, nicks and slashes administered by the friendly porgies and sea bass. I also had the wonderful habit of accidentally jabbing my left index finger with the point of the hook as I was baiting up. Add to these various wounds the gash so painfully inflicted by the clam knife and you have a pair of hands that needed two weeks **away** from fish and fishing! To ease the pain, I soaked my hands in a bucket of cool sea water whenever possible. I had an inkling that this might not be too bright an idea, but the soothing relief which it brought put such thoughts in the back of my mind.

Once the tide began to pick up again the charter suggested that we try for some fluke before returning to dock. We were drifting across Pollack Rip catching some small (by Montauk standards) fluke of one to four pounds when Ron brought in a fluke with its tail just removed by a bluefish. I tied on a diamond jig, dropped it to the bottom, made ten quick turns of the handle, and then repeated the procedure: hit bottom, ten turns, hit bottom, ten turns. Quickly bored with this, I took a two inch sliver of fluke belly and hooked it through once. I dropped it to the bottom, threw the reel into gear, and then, wham! I must have dropped the jig right in the fish's mouth. I lifted up and he pulled down in a no-nonsense display of strength. Several minutes later, a thirteen-and-three-quarter pound doormat fluke was steadily pounding the deck of the Julie III with its broad tail. We were back at Inlet unloading the boat by 5PM. The final tally for the day was more than half a ton of fresh Montauk seafood.

As we bade the customers good-bye and safe home, Ron and I began to clean the boat. The dank chill of the night air began to creep into our bones as we made sure that every nook and cranny was scrubbed free of dried, crusty bait. After the ten-minute ride around the Lake and a quick supper of broiled fish in the motel room, I sank my exhausted body into the lumpy bed. Although my hands throbbed with pain, my mind was at ease, satisfied with a day's work well done. For the most part, the first day had been a fisherman's dream come true.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LATE SUMMER COD

by Gerald Hahn

From around mid-August through September, everyone has either bluefish or porgies on his mind. This is a good time to squeeze in a codfishing trip. "Cod?" you will say, "those winter denizens of the ocean floor, those bottom feeders most people think about when other species are not around—why should I go for cod now?" Because nobody else is!

It is simply the law of averages. If you went codfishing as frequently as you go for blues or scup, this article would not be necessary. But like most people, you probably go for cod once or twice a year, trying to cash in on a run, or fishing for them when few other species are around. I asked a few regular codfishermen, anglers who go for them once a week or once a month—all year-round—"What is the best season to catch cod?" They all said the same thing: "When you fish regularly, you don't think in such terms. Instead, you ask yourself, 'how many did I catch last time? How many will I catch today?'" Yet most people think about cod at certain times of the year: winter, late spring, or fall. Late summer would rate as a slow period. But with only ten to twenty people aboard a party boat during the "slow period," you actually have a better chance to catch your share of fish than during the peak when forty to sixty people will be aboard.

During intense runs when boats are crowded, the regulars will catch most of the cod. They know the best places to fish on the boat, based on recent patterns. Have the fish been hitting off the stern or the bow lately, or perhaps the sides? Regulars are also used to working with the heavy gear necessary for this type of fishing, handling a meatstick with the finesse of an ultra-light wand. And unlike the majority, they can feel the slightest nibble below, wasting no time with stripped hooks on the ocean floor. In other words, during a run, you are as likely as not, to return home empty-handed. But when few people bother to fish for cod, your chances are actually increased.

On one trip aboard the Viking Starship out of Montauk to Coxes Ledge, there were only ten anglers aboard. Almost everyone did pretty well, catching an assortment of cod and hake from four to twenty pounds. A few days earlier, there were plenty of "hangers" as well (fish in the forty to fifty pound class) and a number of fifteen to twenty pound choppers! The trip out to the western part of the Ledge took only ninety minutes, and by 5:30 a.m., we lowered our lines. With plenty of elbow room, people were able to move around and try different parts of the boat. On this day, the bow was pretty good, but the stern was better. Some experienced fishermen swear by two positions as the overall best: the corners, or ends of the stern. As it turned out, high-hook for the day was at the portside corner of the stern. On another trip, one late-August day, a happy angler at the same spot took six cod from twenty to forty pounds. That averages to one hundred eighty pounds! That day, I happened to be fishing near the person at the starboard corner and he caught only one fish—the

Shucking clams and more clams, the most commonly used bait for cod.

fifty pound pool winner! But many days, the fish will hit from some other part of the boat. In fact, on my first codfishing trip years ago aboard the old Peconic Queen, I remember fishing amidships on the portside and catching five huge codfish, while many at the stern went home skunked. My line kept going under the boat and at one point, I wanted to change spots. I'm glad I didn't. Unwittingly, I had done what Scott Simons suggested last year: fished "the wrong side."

Now, a belated word about the Ledge. Coxes Ledge is located about thirty miles from Montauk Point. It is a vast submarine plateau, about eleven by four miles in area, forming the southern boundary of Rhode Island Sound, the major axis running slightly northwest to southeast. During the summer, codfish and other species: pollack, hake, haddock, ling, and an occasional blue or shark congregate in this area because of the cooler temperatures and food supply. Depending on the weather, by the fall, cod move to the shallower waters of the Block Island area; by winter, they can be caught just off Long Island. Generally, the largest fish are caught during the warmer months, but greater numbers are taken in the winter. During the late summer (our period), the fish begin to scatter and mixed sizes are caught. One day they may be four to twenty pounds; the next, forty and fifty pounders.

Because of the twenty fathom depths and the potential to catch an immense cod, heavy tackle is required. Unless you plan to fish regularly, it is cheaper to rent tackle for $3. This boat uses strong, but flexible, seven-and-a-half to eight foot conventional rods with matching Garcia 624 revolving spool reels filled with forty pound test monofilament. Any equivalent rod and reel will do. The rig consists of a beak or claw hook, 7/0 or 8/0 snelled with an eighteen inch leader of 50 lb. test. No hardware is used; instead a dropper loop is formed on the main line for the snelled hook, twenty to forty inches above (check with the mates for the best height) and an end loop for the ten to sixteen ounce diamond sinker below. Most days, twelve ounces are used. Some people insert a small piece of plastic tubing over the dropper/snell connection to keep the hook from riding up and twisting around the main line—a tendency it has when you let out line quickly to the 120' depths. Other anglers prefer a barrel swivel and a four foot length of fifty pound test leader for the rig. In case of a snag, a considerable amount of line is saved—the break occurring at the swivel instead of the rod tip. Some use two hook rigs set up high/low fashion which can be good if pollack are in; but for the most part, they fare no better than others and often wind up with more tangles. Which reminds me: if tangles occur with others (and they will if the fish are large), a pair of fishermen's pliers is handy for clipping mono and extracting hooks from gaping jaws. For the experimental angler, a few diamond jigs in the eight to twelve ounce range with a tube teaser above may produce when baits do not. But I see jigs used rarely at the Ledge.

The most commonly used bait is the skimmer clam. During the ride out, the mates were busy shucking bushels of clams and spreading large amounts around the boat. One or two clams are sufficient to cover the hook shank as well as a bit of the snelled leader, exposing the point a little. Some people prefer to leave long, stringy gobs below; others twist each clam segment onto the hook in tightly packed bunches. But too many pile clam upon clam endlessly, until the rig looks like a shish-kabob on a skewer. Overloading usually results in fewer hook-ups. If bergalls are heavily concentrated, however, a bit extra is useful. They will strip off some of the bait, but you will probably have enough left for a potential cod.

Codfish, however, are generalists in their feeding habits and many other baits are worth trying—including one of those bergalls you may have hooked. Strip bait cut from fresh mackerel, ling, whiting, herring—almost any fish—as well as whole large sand eels, tinker mackerel, snappers, or squid can pay off, especially when hits are few and everyone else is using clams. If you catch an unlikely pool winner, gut the cod and examine its stomach for partially digested shellfish or other baits. Do not hesitate to use these.

After gaffing and removing hooks, this one is ready for the bag.

While codfishing is relatively simple, the fish often hooking itself, it is important to learn how to cast underhand with conventional gear. You want your line to go out as far away from the boat (and other anglers' lines) as possible. It takes practice and an educated finger on the spool to prevent a backlash. Pointing the rod tip at the line's point of entry into the water will get the bait down faster. You can tell when you reach bottom by feeling the bump or watching the line slacken. Before engaging the reel, leave a little extra slack to compensate for the pitching of the boat. In rough weather or on fast drifts, however, it is often difficult to tell when you reach bottom. An indelible marker on the line helps once you locate the correct depth.

Cod remind me of carp in their feeding habits. They rarely chase a moving bait and jigging will probably frighten them more than it will induce hits. But after getting one on and setting the hook, the real battle begins as you try to pull in a monster dogging for the bottom. Leave no slack in the line no matter how long it takes to bring the fish to the surface; a cod can throw a hook as readily as a blue. Someone will probably call out "gaff" when it is ready to be boated.

While not the most vicious fighters, cod are among the largest fish to be caught and available to the party boat angler at a reasonable price on a year-round basis. But late summer, especially after Labor Day, when the fishing is supposed to be slow, will probably provide you with a greater share of mixed-size fish than other periods. Do not expect to catch great quantities of cod these days, at any time. But a few twenty-five to fifty pounders—even one fish caught of this size—will probably hook you as it has me.

A LOOK AT DRAGS & HOW TO USE THEM

by Pete Barrett

Every fisherman has at least one tale about the "one that got away." That one fish that we never caught, but are allowed to brag about because the fish was so huge that no tackle in the world could have held it, fought it, and finally beat it.

An occasional big fish that got away is part of fishing; but if you are losing too many fish because of popped lines or pulled hooks, it is time to look much more closely at the way you set your drag and use it to play out a fish. We've all seen the many photos in fishing magazines of anglers with huge fish that were caught on relatively light tackle. These pictures help give credence to the fact that big fish can be taken successfully on light gear when played with finesse—and an optimum drag setting.

Determining the best or most effective drag setting is easy once you take into account a few facts about the fish you seek, the tackle used and how reel drags actually work. It is a little more complex than a simple "You tighten the knob, the drag gets tighter, and you hang on."

My own simple, but effective tests, conducted in my basement workshop over the winter show that no matter what the original drag setting when tested on a straight pull from the reel, that drag pressure or tension will increase by nearly one-third when the rod is arced with a strong bend to it, the rod handle vertical at a 90° angle. For instance, if you set your drag to ten pounds of pull straight off the reel, the drag total would be approximately 13.5 lbs. with the rod arced as if fighting a fish.

Further tests showed that it may take an additional one-third of the initial drag setting to actually start the spool moving. The reason can be blamed on drag materials that may slide or slip smoothly once in motion, but may also stick slightly at the start. It takes a little extra pressure to get the drag washers moving against one another.

We can now apply this information to determine the initial, or starting, drag setting that will take into account the extra pressure caused by the start-up of the drag and also the arc of the rod. My experience has shown that an initial drag setting of one-half the actual breaking strength of the line is best in most fishing situations we encounter here in the northeast.

Let's assume we have a rod and reel rigged for weakfishing. The reel is filled with twelve pound test mono. With an initial setting of half the breaking strength, we have a starting drag set at six pounds of straight pull against the reel. The arc of the rod while playing a fish will add one-third to that setting or an additional two pounds. Now we have eight pounds of drag.

It will also take another extra one-third to get the drag washers to slip as we begin to play the fish. For a fraction of a second, this adds another two pounds. We now have a total drag of ten pounds—a total pressure slightly below the actual breaking strength of the fishing line.

Other factors can easily add another one-third to equal or surpass the strength of the line. Pressure against the line in the water as a fish makes a run will add a small amount of extra drag. So will the impact as a fish slams a lure or makes a sudden lunge at the side of the boat. Surf fishermen have to contend with the undertow as they beach their catch.

Even the reel itself can be your undoing. It takes more to turn a spool as the diameter of the line on the spool gets smaller as a fish takes line out. This one factor alone can surpass the strength of the line. Some drag washers heat up while playing a fish causing the washers to expand and this, too, causes additional pressure.

My tests were done with the help of a very accurate Hunter Spring Scale. The tests were made using Stren line in pound tests of eight, twelve and twenty, using both spinning and plugging reels with matching rods. Although there was some slight variation between the different lines and the two types of tackle, the differences were small and the basic drag settings were virtually identical.

The settings do need some interpreting. It should be obvious that we are talking of relatively light tackle from six to twenty pound test. Catching a ten pound bluefish with thirty pound test line doesn't really call for any finesse in drag settings. However, that same bluefish caught on an eight foot surf stick with twelve pound line, requires an accurate drag setting that takes into account the factors of the start-up drag and the rod arcing resistance. So, too, playing a hefty brown trout on six pound, a striped bass on twenty, or a weakfish on eight pound requires the fisherman to tune his tackle and use the optimum drag setting. A setting that will deliver the maximum pressure to the fish without popping the line.

To be on the safe side, many fishermen will set their drags at only one-third of the line strength, not the one-half I recommend—and, in fact, I often do the same, especially to provide a little insurance with fish that run out a lot of line like football tuna, bonito, albacore or southern fish like tarpon, bonefish, 'cuda and jacks. However, most of our northern fish like blues, bass, weaks, fluke and blackfish don't zing off a hundred yards in the blink of an eye like some of the Florida speedsters, and so the one-half setting is usually more than adequate.

The Hunter Spring Scale I used is expensive and incredibly accurate, but you can achieve reasonable results with a cotillion hand scale or a DeLiar.

The "Singing Drags" isn't an English rock group, but an imaginative way for outdoor columnists to add a little spice to their weekly scribblings. Given a good imagination, perhaps drags will sing when properly set and used, and then again, they may screech in protest if the drags are abused or operating poorly.

Once the drag is set correctly, you will notice a few things about it when you are actually fishing. The most obvious is the fact that when you set up on, or strike a fish, the drag may actually slip as you try to sink the hook. For that first instant, many anglers clamp down on the spool of the reel at the exact moment of the strike. This is easy with plugging tackle. You can simply lower your thumb onto the foregrip of the rod as you set the hook, or with fish like bass taken on a live bunker you can clamp down on the spool with both thumbs as you set the hook.

With spinning tackle it's a little harder, but you can apply strike pressure by holding the spool only for the fraction of a second that you

are actually setting the hook. Keep continuing locked up pressure will pop the line.

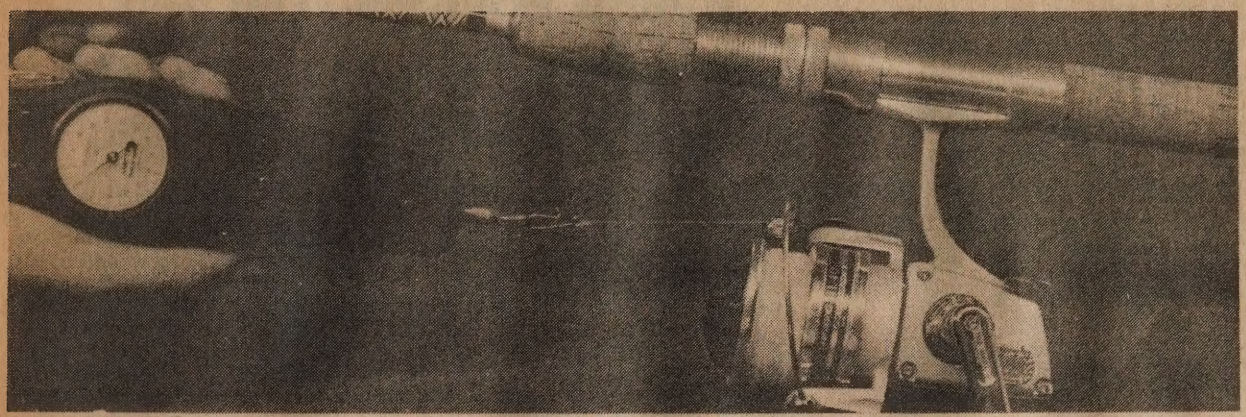
If you have been using lightly set drags in the past, you will notice no apparent difference in the setting we recommend, but if you have been accustomed to a very tightly set drag, you may drop your jaw the first time a bluefish rips off some line in a burst of speedy anger. Despite the glorious comments of many fishermen, most fish take only a few dozen feet of line at a time. With the exception of some of the offshore species like tuna and marlin, weakies, bluefish and bass aren't going to take much more than ten to fifty feet of line. At the most a big ol' bass may steal a hundred feet, but fish that strong are few and far between.

Keep in mind that the drag is **supposed** to slip; if it didn't—you'd break the line and lose the fish. Some fishermen get mad at the fish the more line it takes out! They tighten the drag knob as if to teach the fish a lesson, "Come here, you belong in my fish box"—only to pop the line. It wasn't a monster that got away; it was the "nut on the end of the handle" that lost the fish.

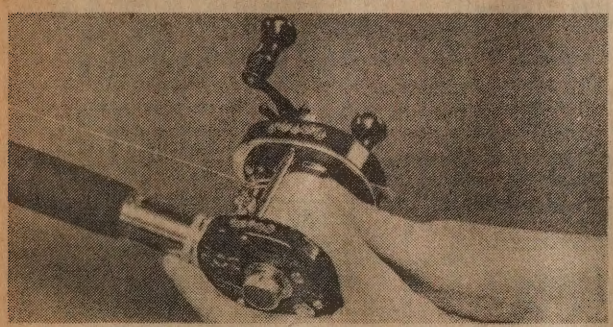
You can apply extra drag pressure as needed during the fight against any game fish by the same methods used to set the hook. A little extra pressure by your thumbs on the spool of a conventional reel or your fingers against the side or front of a spinning reel spool will help to get a whipped fish to the boat or help pump a big fish from deep water. Should the fish try a sudden surge or run, lift your thumb or fingers from the spool and within an instant you're back to the light drag setting.

Some fish are more powerful than we may think. I remember one striped bass that kept running off yards of line each time I'd get him up to the boat. Finally, in desperation and foolishness, I clamped my thumbs down on the Penn in an effort to bull the fish in. He still yanked line on the next run, plus more than a few layers of my thumb! You can overdo it on adding thumb pressure.

Even if your drags don't sing, I do hope we have clearly shown the importance of choosing, setting and using drags properly. Next week, we'll take a look at the different drag systems available and how to correct faulty drags.



Use an accurate hand scale to set an initial drag of 1/3 to 1/2 the pound test of the line.



Apply thumb pressure for extra strike drag or for extra drag while playing a fish.

Finger pressure against spool adds extra drag pressure on spinning reels.

Achieve maximum effect of drag with strong arc in rod. Thumb on foregrip (inset) helps to pump in big fish or add drag pressure.

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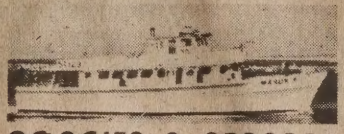

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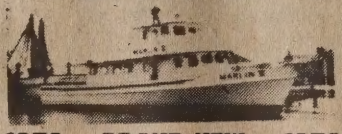

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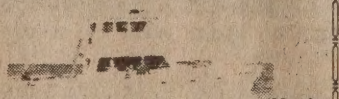

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Captain Phil Lewis of the **Adios** called to say August Valdes of Lido Beach had 25 blue shark fishing the Butterfish Hole Tuesday. So far the giant tuna at the Mud Hole have been outwitting anglers. 140 bluefish were taken Thursday by Tom Lchicklor, Paul Lazar and John Perez.

The **Viking Fleet** reports codfishing remained excellent through Sat. at Coxes Ledge, fish still mainly 8-12 lbers. with a few larger thrown in. Bluefishing has remained excellent through Saturday nights trip off Block Island, fish from 14-18 lbs. on herring and in volume. Fluking picked up considerably towards the end of the week, fishing the South Beach. The porgy fishing is fair to good, fish medium size.

Charter boat **Prowler** called to tell us that the prize of the free charter was won by Rich Delgreco of NYC. Rich will be sailing a freebie August 23.

Captain Joe McBride of the charterboat **My Mate** reports his inshore charters this past week did well with large number of blues and bonito as well as some weaks taken between Shagwong and the Lighthouse. Joe says he still has some

Suzanne Briand with a pair of fluke weighing 7 and 8 lbs. They were caught aboard the "Viking Star."

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Captain Bruce Hoek of the charter boat **Tara** tells us weaks and blues can be had at the crack of dawn between buoy 5 and Inner Shagwong either casting or trolling umbrellas. Striped bass picked up considerably on the down side of the moon, fish averaging in the twenties on eels.

Dave Wong clicked with an 8 lb. doormat; Russ Brown had a 9 lber. and Albert Huang a 10 lber. on Lou Rasado's Eva-Lou II. Photo courtesy of "Star Island Yacht Club."

Fish in the 40s and 50s are being caught on eels and will also take plugs if you can get them to the fish.

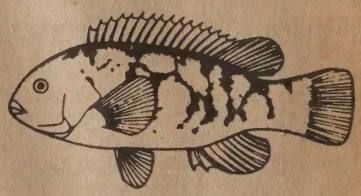
Henry at **Star Island Yacht Club** tells us four giant tuna were taken during the week, so they are out there, off of Block. Bluefishing has been very good off the Point. Weaks have slowed a bit, and a few bass have been taken, some on umbrellas and some on eels but not many.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** has been fishing Gardiner's Island, Middle Ground, Cerebrus Shoals, Washington Shoal and Shagwong and has been having very good porgy catches this past week. The fall run is close at hand with jumbo porgies starting to show. They had a load of fish Saturday with Davis Roosdelt of N.J. and Fred Blackwell of Bklyn. tied for high hook with 75 big porgies each.

Charter boat **Devilfish** called to report inshore fishing has picked up tremendously with each boat catching 80-100 weaks and blues on half day trips. On Saturday, Captain Warren caught 140 weaks, blues and green bonito fishing around the Point by 1PM. Friday's charter had 80 fish including some stripers and was back to the dock by 9:40 a.m. Early in the week, white marlin were caught on rod and reel offshore. Sharks were taken Tuesday (blue) southeast of the Point.

Captain Paul Forsberg called this in on Monday morning—a 20 lb. bluefish copped the pool Thursday night on the trip aboard the **Viking Starship** by 11-year-old Kevin Matthews of Lockhaven, Pa.

Captain Frank Maccaro of the charter boat **Free Spirit** called to say that he had all offshore charters this week and found great fishing. The boat brought in 3 makos for the week, several blue sharks for mounts and had 15-20 blue shark releases. Frank said in addition to shark, the charters trolled several small tuna in the 10-15 lb. class and a load of bonito on every trip. Frank asked us to tell readers not to wait for the last minute to book September dates because it is prime time for offshore and inshore fishing.



Jimmie Bodensky hefts his pool winning 47 lb. cod taken aboard the "Viking Starship."

Dick Bernhard and Jerry Shapiro with 76 blues and 12 weaks taken on trolled umbrellas at Outer Shagwong aboard the charterboat "Windy."

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John Walsh, friends Buzz and Bo trailered their boat the **Tide Runner** out to Shinnecock and were chumming for sharks when John hooked a 50 lb. marlin using whole bunker. Trior was fishing in 125' of water about 20 miles offshore. They also picked up a small mess of blues around 7 lbs. apiece.

Thom of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** could not report much about the weekend due to the northeaster that kept most fishermen close to the fireplace. On Saturday morning a couple of boats did catch a few weakfish and bluefish in Peconic Bay. When the weather settles this fishing should pick right back up. Thom knew also that before all the wind, bluefish up to 15 lbs. were being trolled in good quantity outside of Shinnecock Inlet.

MORICHES BAY

Captain Fred of the charter boat **Sea Mist** reports Monday's charter for Jim DeLora and party picked up a pair of of good dusky shark and dropped a mako. Over the weekend, a mixed bag of bluefin tuna, bonito and blues were taken south of the inlet.

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SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station tells of good weaks and blues between David Park and Barrett Beach. Some large fluke up to 5 lbs. taken in the same area on sand eels and big spearing. Good weak action at buoys 28 and 29 and the Ocean Beach area on squid strips and sand worms. Fluking best at Ocean Beach to buoy 29. Terrific crabbing just about all over the place.

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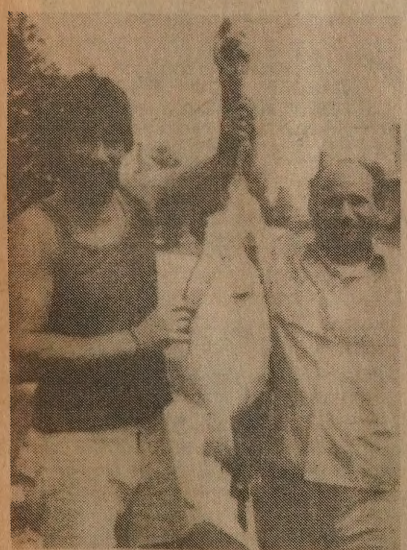
The **Casey Lee** reports fluking continues good, 2-5 good keepers a man. High hook usually runs be-



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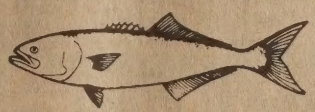

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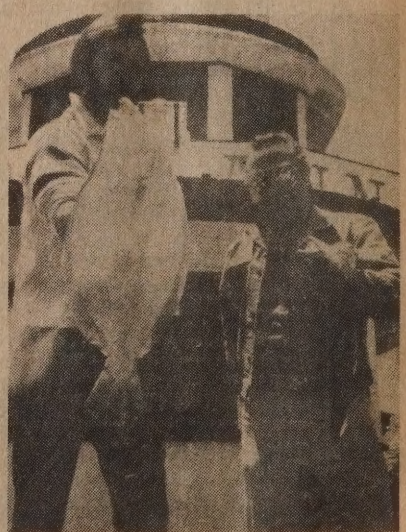
Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports that through Thursday there was good fluking from the light house to the inlet. Rich Ferri on his boat Rum n Coke had 13 fluke to 4 lbs. plus a 8 lb. 4 oz. blackfish working on the edge of Kismet Reef using squid and spearing. A few blowfish are being picked. Some weaks at the lighthouse and in front of the CG Station on hi-lo rigs with squid on the hook. These fish are 2-4 lbers. Bluefish 2-4 lbs. also being taken off the South beach and in the inlet on umbrellas and tins in morning and evening hours. Snappers very good, now eating size. Some people are getting a 5 gal. bucketful. Smokey's son won the Jr. Division of the Town of Islip snapper derby this past week. Crabbing at Bay Shore docks excellent in daytime it's traps, nets at night. Blues off Patchogue in 65-80' of water through Friday, fish 6-12 lbs. Bonito and albies at the NA buoy on red and white feathers and black and white feathers. A 954 lb. tuna was taken Thurs. off Block. Karl Miller (Smokey) and buddy Al Corbin fished for cod on the Viking Starship Thurs. and took home 37 cod from 2-15 lbs.

CAPTREE

The Captain Scotty reports good bluefishing day and night. All during the week the night trips were excellent. Friday night was great as was the day trip. Saturday was excellent at Cholera with 5-6 lbers predominating with a few 9 lbers. mixed in. The boat also fished just



Peter Dahl with a 6 lb. fluke and Don Ruckert with a 3 lb. sea bass caught on the Captree charterboat "Lady Ann."

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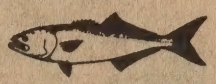

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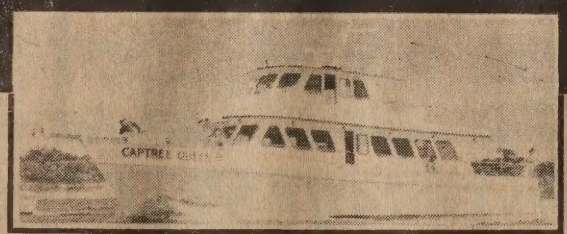

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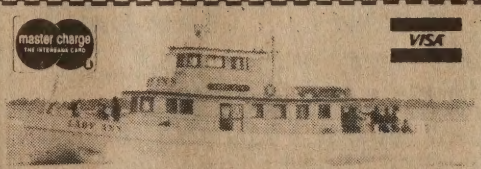

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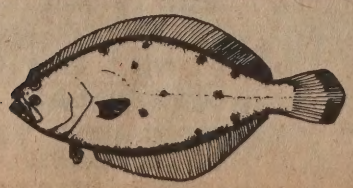

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south of Fl Inlet during the week steady pulling 5-10 lbers. Consistency now seems to be the word. It's been jigs during the day and bait at night and Captain George Tweedy says there are decent bodies of fish here and that the whole fleet caught this week.

Charter boat **Capt. Abrams** called to tell us he's been having good fluke charters from the Lighthouse to the mouth of the inlet, best at the top of the tide. His bluefish trips to Cholera have been very productive. For 4-6 lb. fish and Friday night his party had nearly 200 blues.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reported the night blues have been anywhere from excellent to fantastic with up to 350 choppers per trip being taken. The boat is fishing S.W. of Fl Inlet and also to the east off Patchogue for fish 4-10 lbs. The fluke trips are usually good, catching anywhere from 75-125 keepers per trip in Snake Hill and the Inlet and around the bridge on killies, spearing and squid, fish from 1½ to 5 lbs.

We are happy to report that Captain Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod** has recovered from his illness and been seen back on board ship. His capable back-up skipper, George Bartenback, has been handling the boat for the past several weeks. The fluking has been fair from the bridge to the Lighthouse. Best baits have been spearing and squid combos with most of the action occuring at the changes of tide.

The **Jib Fleet** reports fluking has slowed in recent days but fair fishing is still being enjoyed by most of the fleet. Best action has been from the Lighthouse to the Inlet.

Capt. Eddie B reported very good bluefishing on Saturday south of Cholera. This is all on diamond jigs and the fish run 6 to 12 lbs. On the night trips, action has been found nearby at the Pipeline and also south of Patchogue. Eddie called the fluke fishing a pick. All of the fish are keepers with the pool usually in the 4 lb. class. Killies, spearing and fluke belly account for the bulk of the catch. Fishing is being done from the bridge to the inlet with the last of the incoming and first of the ebb producing best.

Capt. Patricia of the **Capt. Ben Litwin** reported fair fluking from the bridge to the inlet. The fish are all nice sized running anywhere from 2 to 4 lbs. A 6 pounder was taken last week. Best bait has been spearing. Patricia said that the bluefishing in local waters has slowed somewhat but there were still plenty of fish down at Cholera. Fish are taken off of Patchogue on the night trip, running anywhere from 6 to 12 lbs.

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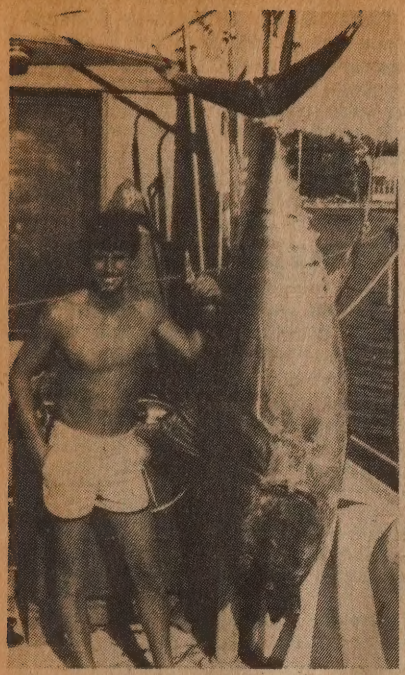

Babylon Tuna Club member Steve Pace, Jr. alongside his club record 294 lb. big-eye tuna. The trophy was landed on fellow member Robert Jessen's Blue Water III, during a trip to the Hudson Canyon.

to 12-years-old. Weigh-ins will be at Augie's and the contest hours are 9AM-1PM on Saturday, August 18. Rain date is Sunday, August 19. First prize is a 10 speed bike. Good fluking reported in the inlet area on sand eels, spearing and squid with high water best. Snapper fishing is good off the town dock and crabs are great just about any pier or piling. Some school tuna at the NA on trolled feathers and cedar jigs.

Babylon Fishing Station was weathered out on the weekend, but Wed. and Thurs. there was good fluking on the last of the flood between the bridge and Snake Hill Channel on live killies, large spearing and squid. Crabbing remains very good at the main span of the Moses Bridge at night. A 110 lb. lady gas customer hooked and landed a 185 lb. tiger shark during the week.

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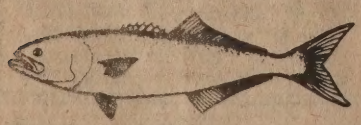

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All the crabs you want says John Schafer. The local docks, flats, under the bridges are all prime. Good fluking from the bridge to the inlet around the top of the tide. Snappers in the back bays on small spearing and small tin. Big blues being trolled and baited in 80-150' of water. A few flounder at the Sore Thumb on worm or clam.

COPIAGUE

Larry from **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** reports fluke excellent from Robt. Moses Bridge to inlet and at Steamboat Channel. State Channel between Babylon and Amityville also doing well on squid spearing and smelt either side of the high. Blues 6-8 lb. just outside Fl inlet and larger blues in 70-80' of water on umbrellas or chum. Weakfish in State Channel, inlet and Lighthouse on eels, killies and artificials. Bonito and skipjack in 80-90' of water south of Fl Inlet. Sea bass off CG station; lots of sand porgies in the Copiague Hole and at Tanner Park. Snappers and crabs in abundance all over.

SEAFORD

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station reports Mon. through Fri. fluking remained good to the tune of up to 10 keepers per skiff, but they were weathered out on the weekend. Best action has been from the bulkhead drain to Four Corners.

Wansers Bait and Tackle tells of lots of snappers all over the bay and canals on small spearing and tins. Lon says it's the best crabbing in ten years and all the docks, flats and canals are loaded with blueclaws. Sand eels still taking fluke in the bay, best at Squaw and West Islands and Sloop Channel. Weaks at the bridge on sand worms and live snapper. Blues on snagged bunker, as demonstrated by Jim Miller worked at the 3rd Wantagh.

Pop's Fishing Station reports a fair Saturday's fluking. H. Bauer and son Danny had 10 keepers. Largest fish of the week was a 4½ lber., one of 45 fish for a party from Bklyn. Both sides of the 3rd bridge and Four Corners have been best on incoming on killies and sand eels. The fish are hitting light. Ed Love has been getting decent catches during the week between the 1st and 3rd bridges on sand eels.

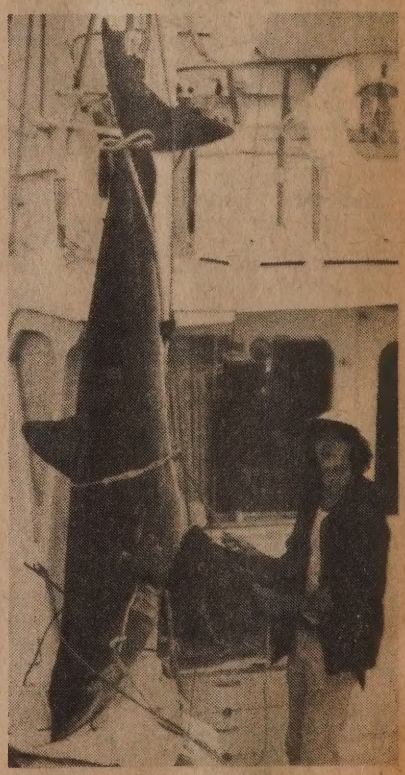
Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station asked us to let you know of his snapper derby which will be held on August 25th (rain day August 26th) for kids up to age 13. Registration and weigh in will be at the station located at the town dock. There will be prizes for the four largest snappers caught in the derby. Come one come all, kids.

MERRICK

Merrick Tackle in Bellmore schoolies are hitting silver poppers in the local bays here and there in the quiet evening hours. A couple of fluke per boat have been picked this past week up to the weekend. Plenty of bonito, albies and a few tuna at the BA on feathers and cedar jigs.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Marina** tells us that some boats went out Saturday and had albie and skippies southwest of the inlet in 110' of water on feathers. A few fluke were caught Saturday in Middle and Baldwin Bays and Reynolds Channel on killie-squid combos, flood tide. Crabs galore.



Pat, the mate aboard the charter boat Fisherman, poses with a 255 lb. mako shark.

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FREEPORT

The StarSTREAM II reports Saturday's bluefishing northeast of Cholera and also south of Cholera was excellent for fish from 3-12 lbs. Good solid catches were made on both diamond jigs and bananas. Fishing has been good all week "in our own backyard" says Capt. Richie. Lots of action and good catches on the night trips also.

The **Miss Freeport II** reports fluking has been fair during the week on sand eels fishing the Inlet and off the CG Station. The boat's night bluefishng trip Sat. saw a good catch of blues made northeast of Cholera, just a short ride from the inlet. These were 6-10 lb. fish on bait. Saturday's charter had a hectic time jigging blues in the same area.

The **Capt. Al** has been having strong catches of blues jigging in the daytime and bait at night in the area of the Cholera and also to the west.

The **Bluefin Fleet** reports excellent blues all week long fishing the area from the NC to the area southeast of Jones for fish 4-10 lbs. Daytime it's been Ava jigs, bananas, and banana splits. On Fri., the BF II anchored at the NB and chummed blues up to 8 lbs. after jigging all morning. Saturday was a super day for Capt. Tony Delernia on the BF, the BF II on Sat. night had a very good catch of blues just 5 mi. off the beach on bait.

The **Capt. Hall** has been putting 3-4 fat keeper fluke per man in the boat on the good days this past week. Quantities of fish should pick up with a shot of good weather.

Captain Arnold of the charter boat **Shalidon** called to tell us that Monday's charter for Rich Holcombe and party trolled up a boxful of skippies and bonito. On Tues.. Dennis Donnely and party had bonito and an estimated 250 lb. mako which broke free at the boat due to an unknown party snugging down the drag allowing the beast to return to its mako hotel. Wednesday, Steve Chulton and party trolled blues at Ambrose fish averaging 8 lbs. Friday's charter was a slaughter for Al Levenberg Company on blues, using downriggers at the NB. Captain Arnold says the downriggers are terrific. The boat has four weekdays open in September, so call now if interested. There are also a few codfish dates available.

On Saturday, The Shalidon rescued 6 men in a crippled 25 footer 30 mi. off the beach. From 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. the Shalidon towed the stricken vessel back to the dock in Freeport. The seas were from bad to extremely bad and lives were probably saved thanks to the efforts of Capt. Arnold and crew.

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports Monday through Saturday it was great bluefishing at the NB. Big fish and big numbers, 200 plus fish per trip for each of the boats. The Christy Lee had a big-eye tuna and

Members of the Ladies Merrick Rod and Gun Club show part of their catch of fluke taken aboard the charterboat "Apus."

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Al Verpault did the rod work and boated this 271 lb. mako s.e. of Fire Island. Fish was caught on the "Shalidon."

four yellowfin tuna at the Canyon Saturday. The boats that fluked have been getting very good sized fish.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reported that like most stations, they were closed on Sunday due to a real good nor'easter. During the week some nice catches of good size fluke were being taken. On Saturday, Tom Mazur and Mike Latorraca took 20 fluke down near the Golf Course on killies and squid before the rain came. The Kozuch brothers returned to the station with 12 fluke before 10 a.m. also on Saturday. Some good size blackfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge for those using fiddler crabs and snappers and crabs plentiful in all the local creeks and drains.

Scotty's Fishing Station reported bluefishing at the Cholera was very good before the weekend storm. Fluke fishing in Reynold's Channel had also been good. However, since the weekend was almost a total wipe-out, no current info on the fishing was available.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** reported the storm knocked out the weekend fishing. Charlie could however guarantee that the excellent snapper fishing and crabbing that everyone had been enjoying, would continue.

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** says on the days he could get out with decent weather, he has worked the Tin Can and Ambrose area and gotten nice size fish. Saturday's fishing was very good, anglers averaging 7-8 fish apiece and action was fast with the change of tide, there being 8-9 fish on at a time. Fish averaged about 3 lbs. There was a bonus of weaks at the Tin Can. Clem says he will continue to make these runs to fish on the outside, whether permitting. A real bonus came up Friday in the form of a 5 lb. striper.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper's charter boat **Kim** has been enjoying very good catches of blues, weaks and some stripers mixed in, trolled on Lupo umbrellas in the New York Bight. Best has been from Seabright to Breezy Point all week long. Stripers have been up to 10 lbs. and blues have been mixed from 3-15 lbs. Weaks have been 6-10 lbs.

Leon of **Henning's Fishing Station** told us that the charterboat **Kim** journeyed to the Hudson Canyon over the weekend. The boat returned with a long fin albacore in the 50 lb. class, a nice catch of yellowfin tuna and the memories of 4 dropped marlin. They will also remember for a long time the ride back to the

beach through mountainous seas and gale winds on Sunday. Also despite the weather, the boat Four Queens travelled to the Tin Can Grounds in Sunday's sloppy weather and returned with a box full of weaks and blues taken on trolled umbrella rigs. Fluke fishing fair in Reynold's Channel and very good crabbing throughout the Woodmere area. During the week, good offshore fishing for sharks and yellowfin tuna from the HA Buoy to the Tower.

Sid the mate, Sean Campbell and Paul Gruber show off part of a catch of yellowfins and long-finned albacore taken at the Hudson Canyon. Fishing was done aboard the charter boat "Kim."

ROCKAWAYS

Skippies Bait and Tackle reports George Last, Tom O'Sullivan and John Weurful fished 175' of water out of Jones this past week and had a 65 lb. wahoo (a real far out southern fish which is being smoked) and a 35 lb. long fin albacore. They dropped a swordfish. All this was on a Kona head. Good crabbing and snappers, the best in years. Some large fluke around Tin Can and Lightship Ridge.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** reports the bluefish boats have been enjoying good catches of blues working the Klondike area. Fluking has picked up off the Jersey coast and in the channels. The **Pilot II** has been having good blackfishing on some of the boat's pet wrecks and the blacks are of good size and quantity.

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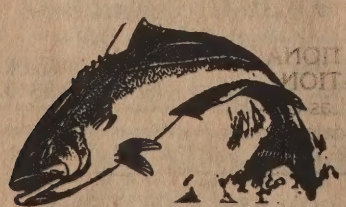

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The **Atomic II** reported very good fluke fishing over the weekend. On Saturday the boat fished Chapel Hill and the red side of Ambros where fish were taken from these areas at 1½-2 lbs and 3-5 lbs. respectively. A couple 100 lb. fish were landed and were taken on spearing bait. On Sunday, the boat fished a half-day at the Tin Can Grounds where fish to 6½ lbs. were taken on spearing.

The **Helen H** murdered the blues on Saturday fishing the area north and south of Cholera with jigs and bananas. Fish ran in the 5-10 lb. class. Night fishing has also been good at Cholera, as fish in the 3-6 lb. range hitting bait. Saturday night's pool ran up to 13 lbs. and anglers fished until winds became too strong. Continuing bad weather kept the boat in on Sunday.

The **Flamingo III** fished 8-10 miles southwest of Cholera where nice catches of blues are being taken. Fish ranged from 4-12 lbs. with pool fish running up to 13-14 lbs. is on bananas during the day and bait at night, with most fishermen taking 5-15 fish. The boat has been enjoying a very good season so far.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle reported that up until the weekend's stormy weather, porgies were in good supply at the bridges and along East Channel Drive. Sandworms take the bulk of the fish. Plenty of snappers taking spearing and crabbing is the best it has been in a long while. Fluke taking spearing, sandeels, killies and squid at Rockaway Inlet.

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Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reports that very good fluke fishing was being enjoyed from the Great Kill's Harbor Bug Light to the Princess Bay Bug Light prior to the weekend. Weakfish were being taken between Chapel Hill Channel and Old Orchard Light. A few school bass being wormed trolled at the 21

This 12 lb. 7 oz. doormat took a squid and sand eel combo at the Tin Can Grounds. Angler Bernie Schachner landed the fish aboard his boat the Silver Fin.

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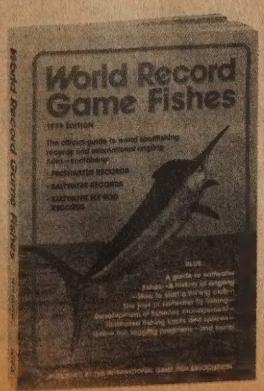

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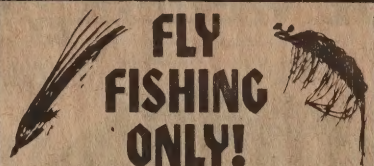

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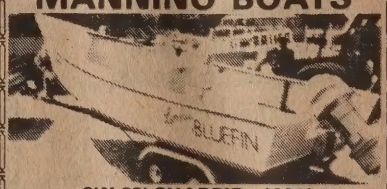

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Can, the VZ Bridge and Hoffman and Swinburn Islands. Snappers and sandporgies plentiful in the bay and Lenny called the crabbing good all over.

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Captain George Porter's **Brand X** has been having fantastic porgy fishing. As George says, "good news from porgy country." Saturday was a super catch and it's been excellent all week fishing Plum, Gardiner's and Gull Island. It's all jumbos at Gull on slack or the first of the flood. It's mediums and jumbos at Plum and Gardiner's and QUANTITIES. As soon as you hit bottom you're in to one or two fish or you baits gone on both tides. George says now's the time to catch porgies.

A.P. White Bait Shop told us that the open boats have been enjoying real fine porgy action east of Gardiner's. Bluefish being taken at the Ruins and also at the Race. Fish at the Race are larger and are being taken on jigs and bait. The smaller fish near Gardiner's are being trolled on umbrella rigs and also diamond jigged. Art called the blackfishing very good as well as the fluking which improved greatly during last week. Bass fishing has picked up again in the Sluiceway. All big fish are being taken on umbrellas and live bait. Snappers at all local docks.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports that there are plenty of small porgies in the bay while out at the Orient Station the porgies are running quite a bit larger. The eastern most station has also witnessed very good blackfishing at the Orient Light and good fluke fishing along Truman's Beach. Ace also noted that bass fishing picked up in the Gut this past week. Quite a few fish in the 30s and 40s being taken on live mackerel, bunker and eels.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station told us that while most of the weekend was a wash-out, several boats that did get out Saturday morning found weaks averaging 2 lbs. at the Rose Grove and porgies at the Middle Grounds. Weakfish were taken squid

Jack Lindner and his two sons, Steve and Lawrence, had a good catch of porgies on a recent trip aboard the Sag Harbor open boat "Wilhelric."

strips fished on hi-lo rigs while the porgies took both clam and worm bait. Phil said that snapper blues are also plentiful in the area.

AQUEBOGUE

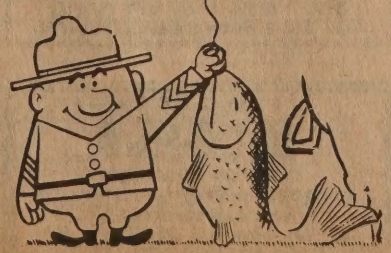
From **Warren's Bait & Tackle** comes word that big blues are being taken in the Race on diamond jigs while fluke fishing remains good at the Ruins. Bluefish and weakfish were being taken at Buoy 5 on trolled umbrella rigs before the weekend. Porgies, weakfish and small blues providing some action in the Bay.

NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Fishing Station** says school weakfish and porgies are there to be had in Noyac Bay. Snappers are also in good numbers there. The River Bay Sportsmens Club (Co-Op City Anglers) got rained and blown out this weekend, but they will be sure to make the attempt again soon.

SAG HARBOR

Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric** reports Saturday porgies cooperated very nicely at the southside of Plum and east of Gardiners. Fish are mediums and jumbos on clam and worm. Artie says catches are averaging 50-60 big porgies a man, so come on out and catch a sackful.



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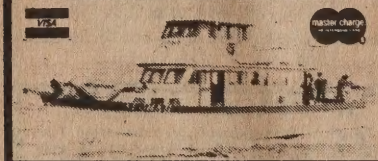

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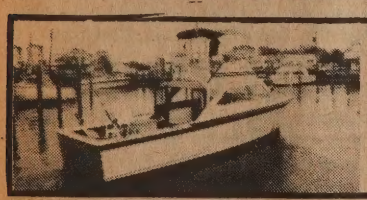

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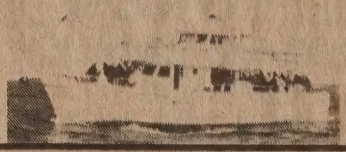

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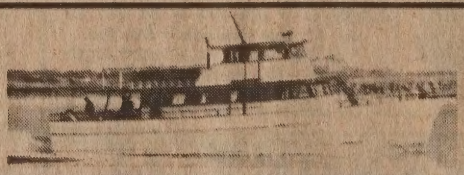

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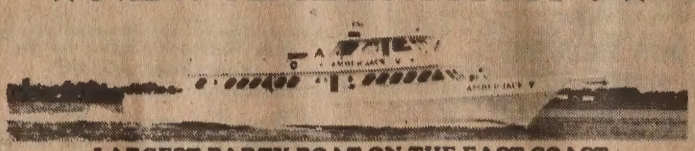

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150 porgies and 19 weakfish was the score made by William Hallaway. He fished out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station, between buoys 18 and 22. Catch was made on worms, skimmers, and squid.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★

BLUES

ROCKY POINT

Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** spoke of good weakfish action for fish up to 12 lbs. southwest of Buoy 9. These fish were being taken on drifted sandworms and cast mackerel finish Rebel plugs. Before the weekend storm, Stan said that the porgy fishing had been good off of Shoreham and Wading River. Two to 4 lb. fluke also made a good showing last week at Mt. Misery Shoal. Best baits were spearing and local squid strips. Bluefish scattered all around in the Sound running 2 to 5 lbs. with an occasional 8 or 10 pounder mixed in. Fish are being taken trolling, casting and jigging. Snappers abundant all over and improving in size.

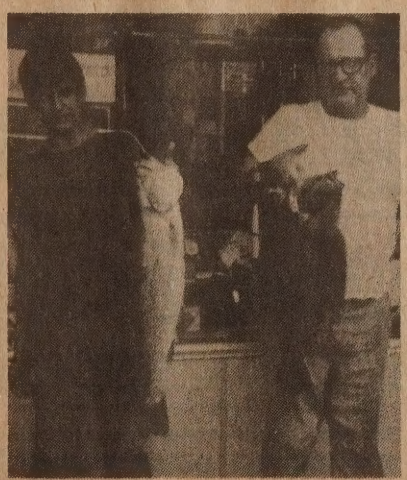
MT. SINAI HBR.

At **Ralph's Fishing Station** we were told that a few guys returned with some porgies on Saturday before the wind and rain. The porgy action had been good during the week however. Umbrella rigs and spoons fished on wire or lead core line are still accounting for good numbers of blues in the 2 to 4 lb. class from Buoy 11 to 9. Bonito mixed in with the blues. Some fluke being taken along the beach on spearing, squid and sandeels.

PORT JEFFERSON

Tackle Shack Sportsmen's Center tells us blues and weaks are in very good from Port Jeff to Mt. Sinai, trolling umbrellas or jigging Sicilian rigs. Plenty of porgies in the harbor and from docks and piers from Port Jeff to Cedar Beach. Better catches are being made in the deeper water with chum and sand worms doing a job. Marilyn Comiskey of the Jam-Bu-Too caught her first blue and weak at buoy 11 on a Sicilian rig without a jig. Lenny the Phantom bailed 33 blues and 4 weaks and a 9 lb. bonito north of buoy 11 on a Sicilian rig using only green tubes.

Caraftis Fishing Station reports that there were bluefish taking jigs and umbrella rigs at Buoy 11 and also porgies at Old Field. Porgies



Richie Dreker, Jr. and Sr. with a 7½ lb. weak and 7 lb. fluke taken near buoy 11 on squid strips. Photo courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

This 8 lb. 12 oz. fluke took an umbrella rig off of Eaton's Neck. Angler was Allan Kovitz. Photo courtesy of O.K. Bait and Tackle.

were being taken on clams and worms. Some good catches of fluke were made in deep water on spearing and squid before the weekend. Not much happened over the weekend due to the weather. Snappers plentiful and improving in size each week.

KINGS PARK

Artie at **Ski and Sea** says bluefishing has been good. Lou and Lindesy Oher took 47 blues up to 4 lbs. on Ava-27s and 47s fishing the mouth of the river. Jim Kane had a boatload of blues up to 4 lbs. fishing broken back Rebels outside the inlet by the NR buoy. Snappers and porgies off Callahan Beach.

O.K. Bait & Tackle reported that Sunday was a complete wash-out but that on Saturday a couple of boats did get out and manage to take some bluefish near the river mouth. Sal, Paul and Sophie Bruno took 12 blues both trolling and casting Saturday morning while Dave Spindell trolled up a nice catch of fish during the afternoon. Plenty of tinker mackerel and snappers roaming around inside the river.

NORTHPORT

At **Bowman's Sporting Goods** Tom told us that the fishing had slumped

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last week and he hoped that the weekend storm would change things for the better. He had no news to report as none of his customers had been out fishing in the wind and rain.

This 12 lb. doormat was landed by Phil Taldone at buoy 15 on a white umbrella rig. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

HUNTINGTON

The **Ever Ready Fleet** reports Friday's trip averaged 6 blues per man. The pool fish was a 6 lb. 8 oz. blue for Huntington angler Tasso Kanganis. Rick Javelin though not in the pool caught the big fish an 8 lber. On Saturday, fares were into a heavy concentration of blues at the obstruction buoy on the early trip. Largest fish for the day was taken by Keith Furaya. Sal Cicalese won the pool on the 8 o'clock trip. Catches were made on Ava-27s. The boat's Saturday program will now be running from 4Am to Noon. See ad for details.

Charter Boat **Eclipse** reports catching some blues this week at 11B in the 6-8 lb. class on umbrellas and also on bucktails. The weekend was a wipeout due to weather.

Ronnie of **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** knew of bass in the 20 lb. class along with some big bluefish trolled off of Calahan's on bucktails and big swimming plugs. Also Friday night, a few bass were worm trolled at Marshall Field. Ronnie knew that a few weakfish were still being picked away at along Ashroken during the end of last week.

George of **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** reported some bass in the 20 lb. class and blues in the 10 to 13 lb. class taken at Buoy 13 on wire and umbrella rigs. Boatmen continue to jig weakfish and blues at the Obstruction Buoy and there was good porgy fishing for fish running ¾ to 2 lbs. at Buoy 15. This on clams and worms. Loads of small weaks and porgies inside of Northport Bay on sandworms and jelly-worms.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★

BLUES

COLD SPRING Hbr.

From **Salty's Bait & Tackle**, Matt told me that 2 anglers stopped by the shop to report good catches of weaks up to 10 lbs. made on the evening flood at the Coast Guard Station. The fish have shown a preference for sinking mackerel finished Rebels. He called the porgy fishing at Eaton's Neck, "Pretty good". Sandworms do best on the porgies.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle told us that the weather knocked out most of the fishing for the weekend, but that he did know of big bluefish roaming the bay as of Sunday's northeaster. More on this in the surf report.

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BRONX

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The **Bronx Queen** has been enjoying fair catches of big porgies working the area of Lloyd's Point in Long Island Sound. Everyday's catch was very good except for Sunday which was weathered out.

GLEN COVE

The **Lady Lil II** has had excellent bluefishing. Tuesday's high hook ws 28 blues from 3-6 lbs. fishing buoy 17 to Norwalk. Eaton's and Lloyd's Neck have become more consistent. Evening trips are also productive, with 3-4 lb. blues on Tuesday with jumbo porgies when the blues slowed, some porgies over 2 lbs. Fares had upwards of a half-gallon bucketful each. Daily sailing time for the boat is now 7:30 a.m. daily.

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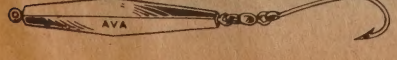


SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The howling northeaster which raked the Island over the weekend pretty much put the lid on any surf action. Reports were difficult to come by as a big surf pounded both the north and south shore beaches. The storm, typical of a good nor'easter could possibly put some new life into the surf scene despite the calendar. Last week's cool temperatures sparked some bass action along eastern northshore beaches and there was some bluefish and weakfish activity in the Montauk surf before the storm arrived. I enjoyed an hour and a half of steady action with weaks and blues under the light on Thursday night. Yellow darters worked faster than normal helped keep me busier than most of the 20 or so casters working the rocks that night.

Cool temperatures and north winds remain in the forecast for mid-week. Hopefully, things will settle down and a new picture will emerge for the coming weekend. The results of a "good nor'easter" in the month of August remain to be seen. It could be interesting.

Again, anyone wishing to contribute any surf info can contact Fred at (516(725-4200.

SOUTH SHORE: EAST END

Johnny's Tackle Shop in Montauk told us that there was action with blues and weaks under the light both Wednesday and Thursday night. Darters took the fish after dark while tin and popping plugs accounted for an occasional fish before dark. Johnny also knew of some blues and weaks taken down at Hither Hills State Park late in the week. Most of these fish were taken on tins such as Hopkins, Kastmasters and J-8's.

At **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in Shinnecock Thom had not heard of anything going on in the surf last week and the storm over the weekend kept anyone from doing anything on the beach.

SOUTH SHORE: WEST END

Hayes from **The Store** at Oak Beach told me over a cup of clam chowder on Sunday that his whole report could be summed in three words, "Not much doing". Hayes had no further word of any bass activity from Cedar, Gilgo, or Tobay.

Charlie Beckmann told me from his shop in Island Park about one angler who ventured down to the Sore Thumb the middle of last week and cast out a Green Banana at 4:30 a.m. in hopes of catching a bluefish. The result was a 25½ lb. striper along with another fish estimated at about 40 lbs. which was dropped right at the Rocks. Green Banana?

From **Santo's** in Staten Island, Lenny told us that big bluefish in the 9 to 13 lb. class were providing good action at the South Beach storm sewers and Piers 8 and 12. Cut bait fished on the bottom during incoming water has been accounting for some good scores. Smaller blues also on cut bait being taken near the VZ Bridge, the Great Kills Park Jetty and along the Annandale shore. Some anglers still pick away at 2 to 4 lb. school bass on bucktails at Cliff St.

NORTH SHORE: WEST END

Tom Bowman, Ronnie Ferrara, and George Valentine all had little to report due to the storm which knocked out the weekend's fishing. Also before the storm, there was not much going on in the way of surf activity but all thought that the northeaster could give the fishing a shot in the arm.

From **Jack's Bait & Tackle** in City Island came word that Stan Sugrue had just weighed in a 13 lb. bluefish taken on a snag bunker at the City Island Bridge. Stan told of losing a number of other fish and of watching big blues chasing bunker on the surface. This was early a.m.

NORTH SHORE: EAST END

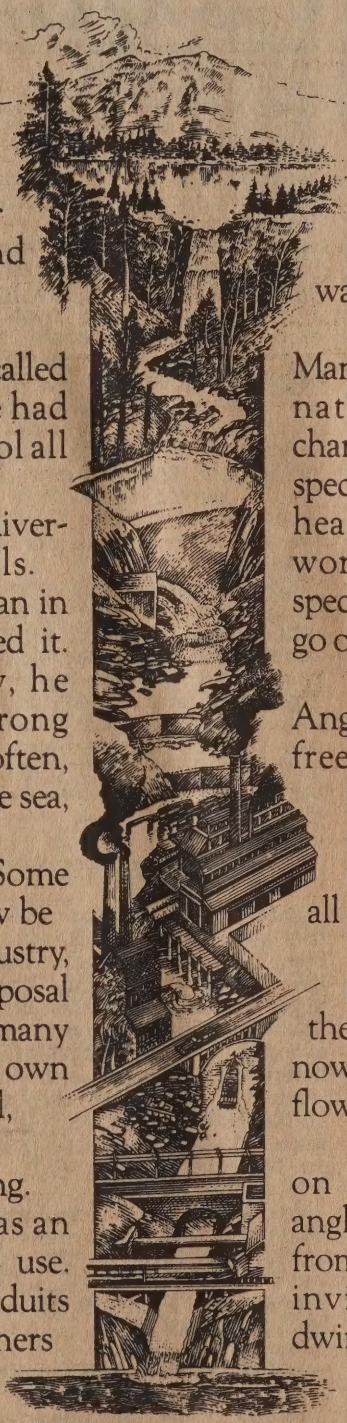
Stan at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told us that there was a pretty good showing of bass up to 28 lbs. Thursday and Friday nights. Action was scattered between Hagerman's Landing and Herod Point. Mackerel finished, Rebel plugs accounted for most of the fish taken.

Art White of **A.P White Bait Shop** also noted an upturn in the surf action the latter part of last week. Bass in the teens were taken along local sound beaches on sandworms, and Rebel and Red-fin plugs. Last

CAPE REPORT

Good numbers of bass in the 8-12 lb. class being taken in the Canal. The mud flats and the Gray Gables area have been especially productive. Blues are mixed with the bass in the Canal. Squid and cut mackerel fished on the bottom have accounted for a good portion of the fish taken. Further out on the Cape, more big bass were taken along the ocean beach on live eels. Fishing is not, however, up to par and is way off the pace of '78.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE OCEAN.



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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	3:21	3:54	4:20	4:57	4:04	4:38	5:19	5:47	7:49	8:15	7:03	7:29	3:19	3:51	8/16
FRI.	4:23	4:54	5:24	5:56	5:05	5:38	6:22	6:43	8:51	9:13	8:06	8:27	4:18	4:47	8/17
SAT.	5:25	5:51	6:22	6:50	6:06	6:31	7:20	7:34	9:42	10:04	9:01	9:20	5:13	5:40	8/18
SUN.	6:19	6:38	7:13	7:36	7:00	7:20	8:07	8:20	10:32	10:51	9:54	10:07	6:03	6:28	8/19
MON.	7:05	7:21	7:58	8:19	7:48	8:04	8:48	9:00	11:17	11:35	10:35	10:52	6:51	7:10	8/20
TUE.	7:47	8:01	8:40	8:57	8:30	8:43	9:24	9:36	11:57	–	11:16	11:30	7:33	7:52	8/21
WED.	8:26	8:37	9:17	9:33	9:09	9:21	10:02	10:14	12:14	12:34	11:53	–	8:15	8:33	8/22
THUR.	9:03	9:13	9:53	10:08	9:47	9:57	10:37	10:48	12:45	1:00	12:07	12:28	8:55	9:12	8/23

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/4	5:56	8:15
8/9	6:01	8:09
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/19	6:11	7:56
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/29	6:22	7:40

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NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/22	8/30	8/8	8/14

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	12:20	6:55	12:50	7:20
Fri.	1:05	7:45	1:35	8:10
Sat.	1:55	8:30	2:25	8:55
Sun.	2:40	9:15	3:10	9:40
Mon.	3:25	10:00	3:55	10:20
Tues.	4:10	10:40	4:35	11:05
Wed.	4:50	11:20	5:20	11:45
Thurs.	5:30	—	6:00	12:10

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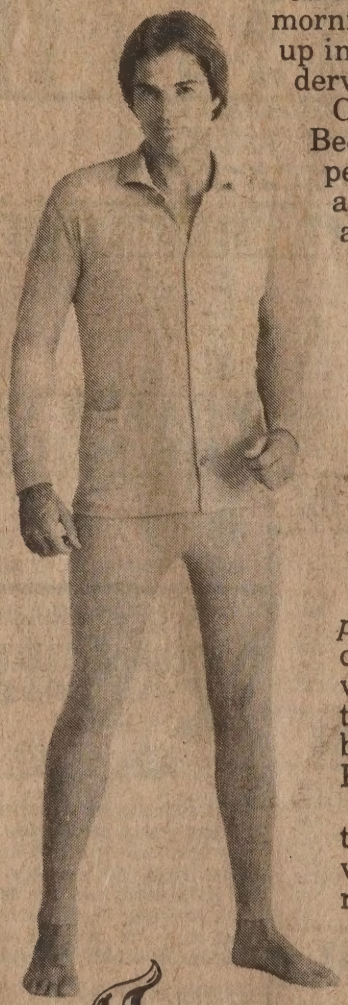

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